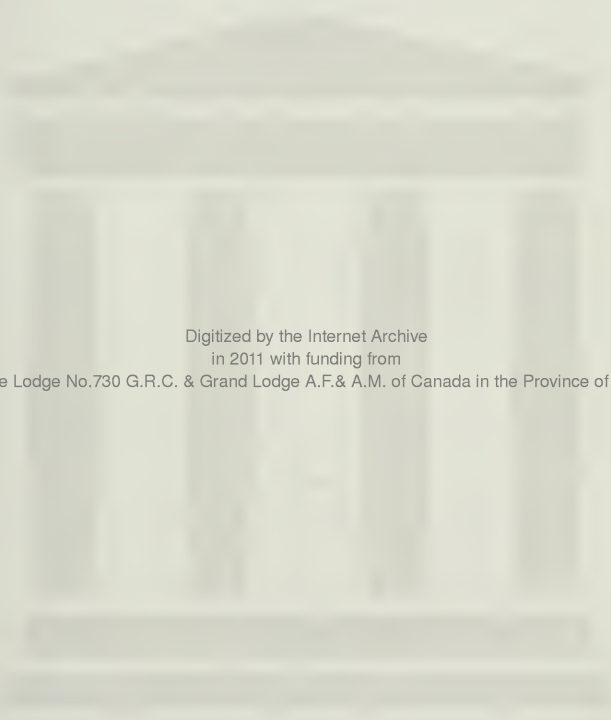




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PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE
OF
Ancient Free & Accepted Masons
OF

AT A

Special Communication, held at the city of Hamilton,
on the first day of July, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

ALSO AT ITS

Eighteenth Annual Communication,

HELD AT MONTREAL, QUE.,

ON THE

9th & 10th days of July, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

Ordered to be read in all Lodges and preserved.

WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, SIMCOE, ONT.,
GRAND MASTER.

THOMAS BIRD HARRIS, HAMILTON, ONT.,
GRAND SECRETARY.

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Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At a Special Communication of the Grand Lodge of
Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held
at the city of Hamilton, on Dominion Day, 1st July,
A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro.	W. M. Wilson, LL.D.,	Grand Master.
R.	" "	E. Mitchell, as Deputy Grand Master.
"	" "	James Bain, Grand Senior Warden.
V.	" "	B. E. Charlton, as " Junior "
R.	" "	S. B. Harman, as " Chaplain.
"	" "	Otto Klotz, as " Treasurer.
"	" "	Allan McLean, as " Registrar.
"	" "	Thomas B. Harris, " Secretary.
"	" "	J. M. Gibson, as " Senior Deacon.
"	" "	W. H. Fraser, as " Junior "
"	" "	R. Bull, as " Supt. of Works.
"	" "	J. Howson, as " Dir. of Cer.
V.	" "	C. R. Smith, Asst. " Secretary.
"	" "	J. J. Mason, as Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
"	" "	B. Saunders, " Sword Bearer.
"	" "	N. L. Steiner, as " Organist.
"	" "	William Forbes, as Asst. " Organist.
"	" "	E. R. Carpenter, as " Pursuivant.
"	" "	W. W. Summers, as " Tyler.
"	" "	William Dewar, } " Stewards.
"	" "	James S. Scarff, }
"	" "	W. L. P. Eager, }
"	" "	James Henderson, as }

W. Bro. J. Erskine,	}	as Grand Stewards.
" " William Bell,		
" " Gavin Stewart,		
" " J. B. Nixon,		
" " T. F. Blackwood,	}	as Grand Stewards.
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DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. " "	H. McK. Wilson,	D. D. G. M. Wilson	District.
" " "	R. Kemp,	"	Niagara "
" " "	J. K. Kerr,	P. D. D. G. M. Toronto	"

Together with the Masters, Past Masters, and about 700 brethren hailing from the following Lodges :

Barton, No. 6, Strict Observance, No. 27, St. John's, No. 40, and The Acacia, No. 61, Hamilton; St. Andrew's, No. 16, King Solomon's, No. 22, Ionic, No. 25, Rehoboam, No. 65, St. John's, No. 75, Wilson, No. 86, Stevenson, No. 218, Toronto; Ashlar, No. 247, Yorkville; Union, No. 7, Grimsby; St. George's, No. 15, and Maple Leaf, No. 103, St. Catharines; Niagara, No. 2, Niagara; King Solomon's, No. 43, Woodstock; Brant, No. 45, and Doric, No. 121, Brantford; Norfolk, No. 10, Simcoe; Ivy, No. 115, Beamsville; St. John's, No. 63, Ingersoll; Seymour, No. 272, Ancaster; St. Clair, No. 135, Milton; Burlington, No. 165, Wellington Square; Wentworth, No. 166, Stoney Creek; White Oak, No. 198, Oakville; Valley, No. 100, Dundas; St. George, No. 243, St. George; Clifton, No. 254, Clifton; &c., &c.

Among the distinguished brethren present were Ill. Bro. C. W. Milliman, 32°, of Suspension Bridge, and R. W. Bro. C. E. Young, R. W. Bro. J. A. Lockwood, and Bros. James McConnell, Lewis Smith, and N. A. Powell, of Buffalo, N.Y;

The Grand Lodge was opened in *Ample Form* at High Twelve.

The M.W. Grand Master announced that he had caused the Grand Secretary to issue a circular convening this Special Communication, for the purpose of laying, with full masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of the new

Masonic Hall about being erected by the fraternity in the city of Hamilton.

Arrangements had been made on a large scale, for an extensive gathering of the fraternity, and by about eleven o'clock the brethren were being formed in procession in front of the Mechanic Institute. R. W. Bro. Hon. H. B. Bull, being Grand Marshall, and was assisted by V. W. Bros. Richard Brierley, J. J. Mason, C. R. Smith and Bro. J. H. Bartindale who had charge of the Blue Lodges; E. Frater H. A. Mackay, of the Royal Arch and Knights Templar. The procession was preceded by the band of the 13th Battalion, V. M., and in the centre of the procession was the Cooksville band, which accompanied the brethren of the Toronto Lodges, and marched to the Masonic Hall on John Street, where it was joined by the Grand Lodge, and proceeded from thence to the site of the new building on the corner of James and Gore streets, the following being a description of the contemplated new hall.

The dimensions of the hall are :

81 feet 6 inches on James Street ; 100 feet 6 inches on Gore Street ; height of building from sidewalk to cornice, 56 feet ; total height from cellar to dock roof 78 feet. The style is romanesque, and the structure will be finished in September 1874. On the ground floor there will be four stores on James Street, and one on Gore Street, 14 feet in height ; two stores will be 19 feet 6 inches wide and 60 feet long ; two other will be 13 feet wide and 60 feet long ; the one on Gore Street will be 22 feet wide and 64 ft. long ; on the second floor will be a Masonic Hall 64x34 ; Encampment, Priory of Kt. Templars, &c., 27x31, with their several ante and preparation rooms ; reception room 23x14 ; wash rooms, &c., &c. ; committee and fuel rooms, offices for the Grand Secretary ; fire-proof vaults and hoist room. On the third flat will be the Royal

Arch Chapter Room, 23x37 ; Excellent and Super-Excellent Degrees Room, 11x28 ; the A. & A. Rite occupies half of this story, comprising a space of 77x45. Banqueting room, 17x31 ; general reception room, 16x26. The flat on this story is also furnished with fuel rooms, hoist room, fire-proof vault, and other conveniences.

The front of the procession having reached the site of the new building, a halt was made, and the ranks opened out and faced inwards, when the Grand Master, supported by the Grand Officers, passed through to the north-east corner, where a platform had been erected for the Grand Officers. The opening ceremonies commenced with the singing of the following

ODE.

Accept, great Builder of the skies,
Our heartfelt acts of sacrifice !
Each brother found a living stone
While bending low before Thy throne.

While Craftsmen true their work prepare,
With thoughts unstained, and holy care,
May each be fitly formed, and placed
Where Love Divine his hope had traced.

With all my powers of heart and tongue,
I'll praise my Maker in my song ;
Angels shall hear the notes I raise,
Approve the song, and join the praise.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The M. W. Bro. Wm. Mercer Wilson, Grand Master, then delivered the following

ADDRESS.

Brethren of the Building Committee.

At your request I have caused to be convened a special meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada to meet me here to-day, for the purpose of assisting me in the interesting ceremony of laying with masonic ceremonies, and in accordance with the rites of our ancient fraternity, the corner stone of your proposed masonic Temple, an enterprise most creditable to the Masons of Hamilton, and the completion of which,

according to the designs and plans submitted, will be a cause of pride and satisfaction to the fraternity in general, and will form a beautiful addition to the already numerous magnificent structures which adorn your flourishing city. Hamilton has been called an ambitious city, but her ambition is a noble one. From a small sleepy village, overshadowed by Ancaster (as I well remember it upwards of forty years ago), she has become one of the leading cities in the Dominion; she is now the centre of a net of railways; standing, as she does, at the head of the navigable waters of Lake Ontario, with all the advantages of its beautiful bay, she has now become, through the energy, enterprise and public spirit of her inhabitants, the great commercial emporium of the western section of our province. May prosperity attend her progress. To the Freemasons of Canada, Hamilton—as the birthplace of our Grand Lodge—must ever be an object of the liveliest interest. The day selected for the performance of this ceremony is also an auspicious one, for it is the anniversary of the founding of this great Dominion. The beneficial results of confederation are now admitted by all, and each succeeding year witnesses an increased prosperity. May the Great Architect of the Universe pour down His richest blessings upon our Queen and country. May brotherly love prevail, and every moral and social virtue cement us.

We will now proceed to lay the foundation stone according to ancient custom, and our acting Grand Chaplain will implore a blessing on the undertaking.

R. W. Bro. S. B. Harman, Acting Grand Chaplain, then offered up the following prayer:

“Great Architect of the Universe, Maker and Ruler of all Worlds, deign from thy Celestial Temple, from realms of light and glory to help us in all the purposes of our present assembly. We humbly invoke thee to give us at this and all times, wisdom in all our doings, strength of mind in all our difficulties, and the beauty of harmony in all our communications. Permit us, O, Thou author of life and light, great source of love and happiness, to erect this building so that

hereafter it may be useful for the important purposes for which it is intended. Glory be to God on High!"

Response:—As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. So mote it be.

R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, Grand Secretary, read the following scroll, to be deposited in the cavity of the stone.

In the name and by the favor of the
Glorious Architect of Heaven and Earth,
 ON THIS FIRST DAY OF JULY, A. D., MDCCCLXXXIII,
 And of the Era of Freemasonry, Anno Lucius, 5873,
 And in the Thirty-seventh year of the reign of our Gracious Sovereign
Victoria,
 Queen of Great Britain, Ireland, India, and the Dependencies in Europe, Asia, Africa,
 the Dominion of Canada, Australasia, &c., &c., &c.
 The Right Honorable Sir Frederick Temple, EARL OF DUFFERIN,
 K. P., K. C. B., &c., &c.,
 Being Governor General of the Dominion of Canada.
 The Honorable WILLIAM PEARCE HOWLAND,
 Being Lieutenant Governor of the Province of Ontario.
 The Right Honorable Sir JOHN A. MACDONALD, K. C. B., &c., &c.,
 Being Minister of Justice and Attorney-General,
 Premier of the Dominion of Canada.
 BENJAMIN E. CHARLTON, Esq., Mayor of the City of Hamilton.
 Hugh Murray, Esquire, President; Thomas B. Harris, Esquire, John W. Murton,
 Esquire, Richard Brierley, Esquire, Edward Mitchell, Esquire, Charles R.
 Smith, Esquire, Charles Davidson, Esquire, being Directors,
 and Chas. R. Murray, Esquire, Treasurer, and
 John J. Mason, Esquire, Secretary,
 Of the Hamilton Masonic Hall Association.

This Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall,

Erected by the Masonic Fraternity of Hamilton,
 was laid by
 M. W. Brother WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esquire, LL.D., &c., &c.,
 Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. Masons of Canada,
 assisted by
 The Grand Officers and a large concourse of the Brethren, in accordance with the
 ceremonies and usages of the Order,

Which may the G. A. O. T. U. ever protect and prosper.

MASONIC BODIES IN THE CITY:

The Barton Lodge, A. F. & A. M., No. 6.
 The Lodge of Strict Observance, A. F. & A. M., No. 27.
 The St. John's Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 40.
 The Acacia Lodge, A. F. and A. M., No. 61.
 The Hiram Chapter, R. A. M., No. 2.
 The St. John's Chapter, R. A. M., No. 6.
 The Godfrey de Bouillon Encampment and Priory of Masonic Knights Templar
 and Knights of Malta, &c., &c.
 The Harington Conclave of Knights of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine.
 The Hamilton Sov. Chapter of Rose Croix, 18°, and
 The Moore Sov. Consistory, 32° of the A. & A. Rite.

CONTRACTORS:

Masonry, Esau Webber; Carpentering, Robt. Butcher; Painting, Jas. Mathews;
 Plumbing, Henry Harding; Iron work, Hugh Hennessy; Plastering, McKay & Boyd.
 Architect—William Leith, Esq.

God Save The Queen.

The Secretary then announced that in the glass bottle to be deposited in the cavity of the stone were placed :

The Inscription or scroll.

A copy of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

A copy of the printed proceedings of the Grand Lodge for 1872.

A complete list of the officers of the Grand Lodge, since its formation in 1855.

A list of the officers of the various masonic bodies in the city for the year 1872-3.

A copy of the *Craftsman* and *Masonic Record* for May and June.

Copies of the Hamilton dailies, *Spectator* and *Times*; Toronto dailies, *Mail*, *Globe* and *Leader*. Copy of the *New Dominion*, weekly.

Copy of the programme of proceedings of the day.

Silver coins : 50c., 25c., 20c., 10c. and 5c. pieces. Copper coin : 1c. piece; and a 25c. currency scrip.

He also read the following inscription on the brass plate,

THE CORNER STONE
of this

Masonic Hall,

was laid on the

First day of July, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873, Dominion Day,

With full masonic ceremonies,

By M. W. Bro. Wm. M. Wilson, Esq., LL.D., &c., &c.,

Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of

A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The bottle being deposited, the brass plate was fixed in its place and the necessary mortar laid for cementing the two parts of the corner stone. The lower portion of the stone lay imbedded in the wall, with the top surface on a level with the street. The upper one was huge and massive, and, besides being ornamental in its dressing, bears the inscription, which may be read from the street :

Masonic Hall.

This Corner Stone was laid with Masonic Ceremonies,

July 1st, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

Wm. Leith, Architect.

This stone may be seen at the north-easterly corner of the building.

W. Bro. Hugh Murray, President of the Association, then addressed the Grand Master, by saying : On behalf of the Directors of the Masonic Hall Association, I have exceeding pleasure in presenting you with this trowel to assist in completing the work so auspiciously begun. The pleasure is rendered doubly great by the fact that you

yourself laid the foundation stone of the Grand Lodge of Canada, and that, too, in this city.

On receiving the trowel the M. W. G. M. said he had laid many corner stones, but never yet had he been presented with so beautiful an instrument. He would retain it with exceeding pleasure.

It bore the following inscription :

Presented to

M. W. Brother WILLIAM MERCER WILSON, Esq., LL. D.,
Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada,
By the Freemasons of the city of Hamilton,
On the occasion of the laying of the

Corner Stone of the Masonic Hall,

July 1st, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

The cement having been spread, the upper stone was lowered with three halts, at which intervals the 13th band played bars of the National Anthem; when it had been guided into its place, the Grand Junior Warden applied the plumb-rule, the Grand Senior Warden the level, and the Deputy Grand Master the square, and they having reported that the stone was just, true, and properly laid, the Grand Master said, "having full confidence in your skill in our royal art, it remains for me to finish the work." He then struck the stone three times with the gavel and said : "*Well made, truly laid, true and trusty ;* may this undertaking be conducted and completed by the craftsmen, according to the grand plan, in Peace, Harmony and Brotherly Love."

As they were handed to him, he poured out the customary libations, saying : "I strew corn upon the stone as an emblem of Plenty, I pour wine on it as the emblem of Cheerfulness, and I anoint it with oil as the emblem of Comfort and Consolation. May corn, wine, and oil, and all the necessities of life, abound among men throughout the world, and may the blessing of the Supreme Architect of the Universe be upon this edifice, and all connected with it."

Response : so mote it be.

The implements having been handed to the M. W. G. M., he presented them to the Architect, saying: "The foundation stone of this building being now laid, I present you the implements applied to it, also the plans, in full confidence that, as a skilful and faithful workman, you will use them in such a manner, that the building may arise in order, harmony and beauty, being perfected in beauty and strength, that it may answer every purpose for which it is intended, to your credit and the satisfaction and honor of those who have selected you for the work."

He also addressed the Building Committee as follows: Having completed our work according to the ancient usages of Freemasonry, we offer you our congratulations and transfer the building to you for completion, having no doubt that as it has happily been begun, it will be carried on, by God's will, to a happy ending. He said he noticed present a brother who was high in capitular Masonry, and he would be glad were he to say a few words.

R. E. Comp. S. B. Harman said that after what had fallen from the M. W. Grand Master, little remained for him to say. He could not but congratulate them all on that most important occasion. The temple to be erected on that spot was to be a temple of fraternity, speaking peace and good-will to men. The true Mason was the embodiment of morality, virtue and honor, and thus became a valuable member of the community. When they considered what the day commemorated, it appeared most appropriate; the Dominion was a uniting of the Provinces, and Masonry sought to unite men everywhere in brotherly love and charity. He was but giving honor where it was due, when he said that Hamilton had been foremost in Masonry, and had been the birth-place of the Grand Lodge; and he believed that the old Barton Lodge had records back to a time when the spot they stood upon

in the centre of this populous city was yet unreclaimed from the forest. The dedication to the objects of their Order of so noble a Temple as this was to be, was a fit occasion for rejoicing, and he was moved to close with a variation on one of the poet Moore's songs, which he hoped they would be pleased to listen to.

Believe me, if all these strange symbols and signs
Which we gaze on so fondly to-night,
Contain not some moral, some precept divine,
We should banish them all from our sight.
As they always have been, so they shall be adored,
Though the world unmasonic condemn;
For to us they much precept of virtue afford —
All our actions are measured by them.

'Tis not the mere forms of the compass and square
That to us can such pleasure impart.
No. It is the deep moral inculcated there,
Which is dear to each true Mason's heart.
A Lodge of Freemasons, where'er it may be,
Is a temple of virtue and love;
For there is none who in thought or action may flee
From the All-seeing Eye that's above.

The M.W.G.M., before closing his duties there, observed that he had the great pleasure of noticing a number of American brethren present. He went on to say that our reciprocal relations were cordial, and we exchanged many commodities with them. He hoped we should always live in harmony, peace, and brotherly love. Masonry recognized neither nationality, creed, nor color, and tended to blot out all lines. There was one thing, however, that we could never submit to see wiped out or exchanged, and that was the flag that waved above them. In response to his call, three hearty cheers were given for the Queen. Three for the Grand Master were called for by persons in the assembly, and given. A photograph was then secured by the artist of the *Canadian Illustrated News*, when the procession re-formed and returned to the Masonic Hall, escorting thither the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodge having been closed, the members were escorted to the Anglo-American Hotel, where a

magnificent spread, laid without regard to expense, in the entire upper flat of the hotel, was in waiting. Nearly seven hundred persons partook of dinner; the bill of fare was printed in blue, on white satin.

ATTEST.



W. W. Harris

Grand Secretary.

Grand Lodge of Canada.

PROCEEDINGS

At the Eighteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, held in the Queen's Hall, in the city of Montreal, commencing on Wednesday the 9th day of July, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

PRESENT.

M.W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

R.	"	"	Thomas White, jr.,	Deputy Grand Master.
"	"	"	James Bain,	Grand Senior Warden.
"	"	"	Allan McLean, as	" Junior "
"	"	"	Rev. H. Montgomery, as	" Chaplain.
"	"	"	W. J. B. McLeod Moore, as	" Treasurer.
"	"	"	Chauncey Bennett,	" Registrar.
"	"	"	Thomas B. Harris,	" Secretary.
V.	"	"	John F. Lash,	" Senior Deacon.
"	"	"	W. S. Martin,	" Junior Deacon.
"	"	"	W. T. Munday, as	" Supt. of Works.
"	"	"	H. Fred. Sharp,	" Dir. of Cer.
"	"	"	J. J. Mason, as	Asst. " Secretary.
"	"	"	W. McCoy, as	Asst. " Dir. of Cer.
R.	"	"	R. Kincaid, as	" Sword Bearer.
V.	"	"	Wm. Nivin,	" Organist.
"	"	"	N. G. Bigelow, as	Asst. " Organist.
"	"	"	A. D. Stevens, as	" Pursuivant.
"	"	"	R. Colquhoun,	" Tyler.

V. W. Bro. James S. Scarff,	}	“ Stewards.
“ “ “ W. R. White,		
“ “ “ E. R. Carpenter,		
“ “ “ Wm. H. Archer,		
“ “ “ W. S. Burnett, as		
“ “ “ Wm. Carey, as		

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. James Gowans,	St. Clair	District.
“ “ “ Francis Westlake,	London	“
“ “ “ H. McK. Wilson,	Wilson	“
“ “ “ John E. Harding,	Huron	“
“ “ “ E. Mitchell,	Hamilton	“
“ “ “ R. Kemp,	Niagara	“
“ “ “ Henry Robertson,	Toronto	“
“ “ “ J. B. Trayes,	Ontario	“
“ “ “ F. Richardson,	Prince Edward	“
“ “ “ James Reynolds,	St. Lawrence	“
“ “ “ E. C. Barber,	Ottawa	“
“ “ “ William McKenzie,	Montreal	“
“ “ “ W. N. Kennedy,	Manitoba.	

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- M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, Representative of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, and the Grand Orient of St. Domingo.
- R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Kansas, Tennessee, Missouri and Oregon, and the Grand Orient of Lusitana, Lisbon, Portugal.
- M. W. Bro. Thos. Douglas Harington, Representative of the Grand Lodges of Nova Scotia & Pennsylvania.
- M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Brazil, and the Grand Lodges of Connecticut and Minnesota.
- R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, Representative of the Grand Orient of Uruguay.
- M. W. Bro. A. Bernard, Representative of the Grand Orient of New Grenada, and the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

- M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, Representative of the Grand
Orient of Italy.
R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Representative of the Grand Lodge
of Texas.
R. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., Representative of the Grand
Lodge of Nevada, and the Grand Orient of
France.
M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Representative of the Grand
Lodge of Mississippi.

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

- M.W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P. G. M.
" " " W. B. Simpson, "
" " " A. Bernard, "
" " " A. A. Stevenson, "
" " " James Seymour, "
R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, P. D. D. G. M.
" " " J. Urquhart, jr. "
" " " L. H. Henderson, "
" " " W. H. Weller, "
" " " J. K. Kerr, "
" " " H. W. Delany, "
" " " John E. Brooke, "
" " " C. D. Macdonnell, "
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" " " A. G. Macdonell, "
" " " Wm. Mostyn, "
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" " " Allan McLean, "
" " " W. J. B. McLeod Moore, "
" " " Henry Macpherson, "
" " " W. A. Osgood, P. G. J. W.
" " " R. P. Stephens, "
" " " Rev. H. Montgomery, P. G. C.
" " " Daniel Spry, P. G. R.
V. " " B. E. Charlton, P. G. D. of C.
" " " James Gibson, "

V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, P. G. S. B.

" " " W. T. Munday, P. Asst. G. Sec.

" " " J. J. Mason, "

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" " " G. H. Wilkinson, P. G. Steward.

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" " " Wm. Carey, "

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" " " John Boyd, "

" " " J. R. Ormond, "

" " " Peter McTavish, "

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V. " " F. C. Dettmers. V. " " N. B. Falkiner.

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" " " James Oliver. " " " W. Chatfield.

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" " " A. S. Kirkpatrick. " " R. J. Winch.

" " " E. H. Parker. " " " W. H. Weller.

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" " " W. T. Munday. " " " R. P. Stephens.

" " " Gavin Stewart. V. " " J. F. Lash.

R. " " Robert Kemp. R. " " J. B. Traves.

" " " H. Montgomery, V. " " J. J. Mason.

W. Bro. R. Leslie.		R.W. Bro. R. Kincaid.	
	" "	Joseph Beck.	" "
R.	" "	Thos. B. Harris.	" "
	" "	John A. Hoshal.	" "
	" "	Joseph Hurssell.	" "
"	" "	Allan McLean.	" "
"	" "	H. W. Delany.	" "
"	" "	J. P. Campbell.	" "
"	" "	E. Allworth.	" "
"	" "	F. Westlake.	" "
V.	" "	James S. Scarff.	" "
	" "	John Midgley.	V. " "
R.	" "	H. McK. Wilson.	" "
V.	" "	F. Mudge.	" "
R.	" "	John E. Brooke.	V. " "
V.	" "	James Gibson.	R. " "
	" "	J. S. Loomis.	" "
	" "	James J. Radford.	" "
R.	" "	Henry Robertson.	" "
	" "	Wm. Wright.	" "
"	" "	James Gowans.	R. " "
"	" "	E. C. Barber.	" "
"	" "	E. Mitchell.	M. " "
"	" "	D. E. Broderick.	R. " "
V.	" "	Wm. Carey.	" "
	" "	H. A. Baxter.	" "
"	" "	W. S. Burnett.	" "
R.	" "	John E. Harding.	" "
V.	" "	H. Fred. Sharp.	" "
R.	" "	W.J.B. McL. Moore.	" "
	" "	Fred. J. Menet.	" "
V.	" "	W. S. Martin.	" "
	" "	D. McG. Malloch.	R. " "
	" "	W. H. Giles.	" "
"	" "	W. H. Archer.	" "
R.	" "	H. Macpherson.	" "
V.	" "	John Nettleton.	" "
"	" "	E. R. Carpenter.	" " "
		D. B. Burch.	" "
		James O'Connor.	" "
		N. F. Dupuis.	" "
		A. McMichael.	" "
		Geo. W. Holwell.	" "
		M. Campbell.	" "
		T. B. Muir.	" "
		James Smith.	" "
		H. W. Weber.	" "
		S. E. Mitchell.	" "
		Wm. R. White.	" "
		J. H. Bartlett.	" "
		G. R. Vanzant.	" "
		John Boyd.	" "
		A. G. Macdonell.	" "
		S. B. Fell.	" "
		Jas. Stephenson.	" "
		Peter Johnston.	" "
		Thos. Scott.	" "
		Wm. Mostyn.	" "
		Peter McDougall.	" "
		T. D. Harington.	" "
		C. Hendry.	" "
		James Sutton.	" "
		Wm. Cameron.	" "
		J. R. Ormond.	" "
		R. H. Preston.	" "
		W. T. Wiggins.	" "
		Charles Brown.	" "
		J. B. Neff,	" "
		J. H. Benson.	" "
		Chauncey Bennett.	" "
		David Wilson.	" "
		F. Butcher.	" "
		John S. Tennant.	" "
		W.A. Chamberlain.	" "
		H. D. Pickel.	" "

W. Bro. M. A. Pickel.	R.W. Bro. Wm. N. Kennedy.
“ “ T. S. Atkinson.	“ “ S. S. Lazier.
R. “ “ James Moffat,	“ “ T. F. Blackwood.
V. “ “ R. Lewis.	“ “ John W. Pickup.
“ “ Wm. Robertson.	“ “ Samuel Smith.
“ “ W. W. Winfield.	“ “ Chas. F. H. Forbes.
“ “ W. B. Carroll.	“ “ Hugh Walker.
“ “ J. Hayward.	“ “ D. Trotten.
V. “ “ P. McTavish.	“ “ A. D. Bogart.
“ “ John Moran.	“ “ John Kennedy.
“ “ J. W. McEdward.	“ “ Wm. Carruthers.
“ “ A. McGregor.	“ “ E. B. Fralick.
“ “ W. S. Smith.	R. “ “ Fred. Richardson.
“ “ J. W. Crate.	“ “ Alex. Williams.
“ “ James Hillary.	“ “ “ Otto Klotz.
“ “ Wm. McCoy.	

A constitutional number of Lodges being represented, the Grand Chaplain implored a blessing from the G. A. O. T. U. upon all our proceedings.

The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada was opened in *Ample Form* at 2.45 o'clock, P. M.

The Board of General Purposes, as required by the Constitution, appointed R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, V. W. Bro. F. Mudge, and R. W. Bro. John Urquhart, a Committee on the Credentials of Representatives and Proxies from Lodges, who reported the following as being present, viz :

Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal, Que.

R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, W. M.; Bros. A. Schmidt, S. W.; Carl C. Bennet, J. W.; R. W. Bro. John Urquhart, jr., P. M.; V. W. Bro. F. C. Dettmers, P. M.

No. 1. *Prevost Lodge, Dunham, Que.*

W. Bro. E. Nelson Brown, W. M.; Bros. C. E. C. Brown, S. W.; H. Pagnello, J. W.; W. Bros. A. D. Stevens, P. M.; Jas. Oliver, P. M.

No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*

M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Proxy.

- No. 3. *St. John's Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. M. Horsey, P.M., Proxy; R. W. Bros. C. D. Macdonnell, P.M.; A. S. Kirkpatrick, P.M.; W. Bro. E. H. Parker, P.M.
- No. 4. *Dorchester Lodge, St. Johns', Que.*
W. Bro. E. R. Smith, W.M.; Bro. Wm. Mace, J.W.; R. W. Bro. W. A. Osgood, P. M.; V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Wilkinson, P. M.; W. Bro. R. Douglas, P.M.
- No. 5. *Sussex Lodge, Brockville, Ont.*
W. Bro. L. DeCarle, W.M.; M. W. Bro. Wm. B. Simpson, P.M.; W. Bro. E. J. Senkler, P.M.
- No. 6. *Barton Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
W. Bro. Gavin Stewart, W.M.; Bro. Wm. Gibson, J.W.; R. W. Bro. John W. Murton, P.M.; V. W. Bros. Benj. E. Charlton, P. M.; Thos. C. Macnabb, P.M.; W. T. Munday, P.M.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Robert Kemp, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 8. *Nelson Lodge, Phillipsburg, Que.*
V. W. Bro. Geo. H. Wilkinson, Proxy; R. W. Bro. Rev. H. Montgomery, P.M.
- No. 9. *Union Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. L. Geddes, W. M.
- No. 10. *Norfolk Lodge, Simcoe, Ont.*
W. Bro. Robert Rochester, W. M.; M. W. Bro. William M. Wilson, P. M.
- No. 11. *Moirs Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. S. Mendell, W. M.; R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, P. M.; V. W. Bro. N. B. Falkner, P.M.
- No. 14. *True Britons' Lodge, Perth, Ont.*
W. Bros. Robert Howden, W.M.; Robert Douglas, P.M.
- No. 15. *St. George's Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. Walter Chatfield, P. M., Proxy; W. Bro. Lucius S. Oille, P.M.
- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Jas. Bain, P.M.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. J. Winch, W.M.; R. W. Bro. W. H. Weller, P.M.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. M. Platt, W. M.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
W. Bro. John Street, W.M.; Bro. H. A. Earle, S.W.; M. W. Bros. A. Bernard, P.M.; A. A. Stevenson, P.M.; R. W. Bros. Thos. White, jr., P.M.; William Mackenzie, P.M.; W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myers, P. M.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Kollymer, W.M.

- No. 21. *Zetland Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
W. Bros. D. Ferguson, W.M.; J. G. A. LeBlanc, P.M.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, W.M.
- No. 24. *St. Francis Lodge, Smith's Falls, Ont.*
W. Bro. Duncan A. Ferguson, W.M.; Bro. Rich'd Locke, J.W.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
R. W. Bros. R. P. Stephens, P. M., Proxy; J. K. Kerr, P. M.;
V. W. Bro. J. F. Lash, P.M.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*
W. Bro. E. Peplow, jr., W.M.; R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, P.M.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, W.M.
- No. 28. *Mount Zion Lodge, Kemptville, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. Leslie, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, Ont.*
W. Bro. George Hopkins, W.M.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*
W. Bro. Robert Nimmo, W.M.
- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*
W. Bro. Joseph Beck, W.M.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Thomas B. Harris, Proxy.
- No. 35. *St John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.*
W. Bros. John A. Hoshal, W.M.; Joseph Hursell, P.M.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, Proxy.
- No. 38. *Trent Lodge, Trenton, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. W. Delany, P.M.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*
Bro. W. J. Murray, J.W.; W. Bro. J. P. Campbell, P.M.
- No. 40. *St. John's Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
Bro. Donald McPhie, S.W.; R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, P.M.
- No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, Ont.*
W. Bro. E. Allworth, W.M.
- No. 42. *St. George's Lodge, London, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. James S. Scarff, W.M.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Midgley, W.M.

- No. 45. *Brant Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Bishop, W.M.; R.W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, P.M.;
V. W. Bro. F. Mudge, P.M.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Young, W.M.; R.W. Bro. John E. Brooke, P.M.
- No. 47. *Great Western Lodge, Windsor, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. James Gibson, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 48. *Madoc Lodge, Madoc, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. S. Loomis, W.M.
- No. 50. *Consecon Lodge, Consecon, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. G. Whittier, W.M.
- No. 52. *Dalhousie Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. James J. Radford, W.M.
- No. 53. *Shefford Lodge, Waterloo, Ont.*
W. Bro. D. L. Allen, W.M.
- No. 54. *Vaughan Lodge, Maple, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 55. *Mirickville Lodge, Mirickville, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Wright, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 56. *Victoria Lodge, Sarnia, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. James Gowans, W.M.
- No. 58. *Doric Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. Rowe, W. M.; Eros. Wm. M. Somerville, S. W.;
William Kerr, J.W.
- No. 59. *Corinthian Lodge, ~~Ottawa~~, Ont.*
W. Bro. Geo. L. Orme, W.M.; R. W. Bro. Ed. C. Barber, P.M.
- No. 61. *Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
W. Bro. F. A. Gardner, W.M.; R.W. Bro. E. Mitchell, P. M.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, Ont.*
W. Bro. D. E. Broderick, W.M.
- No. 64. *Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.*
Bros. John Ferguson, S.W.; C. Augt. Sippi, J.W.; V.W. Bro.
Wm. Carey, P.M.; W. Bro. H. A. Baxter, P.M.
- No. 65. *Rehoboam Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro. James B. Nixon, W.M.; Bro. William Bryan, J.W.;
R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry, P.M.; W. Bro. N. Gordon Bigelow, P.M.
- No. 66. *Durham Lodge, Newcastle, Ont.*
W. Bro. William T. Lockhart, W.M.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 69. *Stirling Lodge, Stirling, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. Chard, W.M.

- No. 72. *Alma Lodge, Galt, Ont.*
Bro. Thos. G. Blain, J.W.; V. W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, P.M.
- No. 73. *St. James Lodge, St. Mary's, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. H. F. Sharp, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, P. M.
- No. 74. *St. James Lodge, Maitland, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. W. J. B. McLeod Moore, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro. Fred J. Menet, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. W. Francis, W.M.
- No. 79. *Simcoe Lodge, Bradford, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 80. *Albion Lodge, Newbury, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. D. McGloghlon, P. M.
- No. 81. *St. John's Lodge, Mt. Brydges, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, Proxy.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. W. S. Martin, W.M.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. G. Vanstaden, P.M.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.*
W. Bro. D. McG. Malloch, W.M.
- No. 85. *Rising Sun Lodge, Farmersville, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. H. Giles, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. William H. Archer, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, Ont.*
W. Bro. James Speight, W. M.
- No. 88. *St. George's Lodge, Owen Sound, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. John Nettleton, P. M., Proxy; R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, P.M.; V. W. Bro. E. R. Carpenter, P.M.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. J. Campbell, W.M.
- No. 92. *Cataraqui Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*
W. Bro. Henry S. Minnes, W.M.; Bro. Edw. S. Boyden, S.W.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Proxy.

- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, Proxy.
- No. 96. *Corinthian Lodge, Barrie, Ont.*
Bros. J. E. Rawson, S.W.; R. King, J.W.
- No. 97. *Sharon Lodge, Sharon, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. T. Doan, W.M.
- No. 98. *True Blue Lodge, Albion, Ont.*
Bro. George Chanter, Proxy.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarke', Ont.*
Bro. W. H. Bowden, J.W.
- No. 100. *Valley Lodge, Dundas, Ont.*
Bro. H. C. Gwyn, S.W.
- No. 101. *Corinthian Lodge, Peterboro', Ont.*
W. Bro. Walter Beal, W.M.; R. W. Bro. R. Kincaid, P.M.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
Bro. John B. Somerset, S.W.; M. W. Bro. Jas. Seymour, P.M.
- No. 105. *St. Mark's Lodge, Drummondville, Ont.*
W. Bro. Samuel Smith, Proxy.
- No. 106. *Burford Lodge, Burford, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, Proxy; V. W. Bro. Frederick Mudge, P.M.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, Ont.*
W. Bros. J. M. Banghart, Proxy; D. B. Burch, P.M.; James O'Connor, P.M.; H. A. Baxter, P.M.
- No. 108. *Blenheim Lodge, Drumbo, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. James S. Scarff, Proxy.
- No. 109. *Albion Lodge, Harrowsmith, Ont.*
W. Bro. F. Dupuis, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Satchell, W.M.; Bro. D. L. Fell, J.W.; R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, P.M.
- No. 111. *Morpeth Lodge, Ridgetown, Ont.*
W. Bro. David H. Bedford, W.M.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*
W. Bro. Aaron McMichael, W.M.
- No. 114. *Hope Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, Proxy.
- No. 115. *Ivy Lodge, Beamsville, Ont.*
W. Bro. George Walker, W.M.; R.W. Bro. Robt. Kemp, P.M.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*
W. Bro. G. W. Holwell, W.M.

- No. 118. *Union Lodge, Schomberg, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, Proxy.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, Ont.*
Bro. Jesse Amey, J.W.
- No. 120. *Warren Lodge, Finga', Ont.*
W. Bro. Malcolm Campbell, W.M.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
Bros. W. M. Masterson, S.W.; J. S. Hamilton, J. W.
- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew, Ont.*
W. Bro. T. B. Muir, W.M.
- No. 123. *The Belleville Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*
W. Bro. James Smith, W. M.; Bro. John McKeown, S. W.;
R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, P.M.
- No. 125. *Cornwall Lodge, Cornwall, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. W. Macfarlane, W.M.; Bro. William Hill, J.W.;
W. Bro. Henry W. Weber, P.M.
- No. 127. *Franck Lodge, Frankford, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. W. Delany, Proxy.
- No. 128. *Pembroke Lodge, Pembroke, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. H. Supple, W.M.; Bro. Andrew Irving, jr., S.W.;
W. Bro. S. E. Mitchell, P.M.; V. W. Bro. W.²R. White, P.M.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, Ont.*
W. Bro. Frederick W. Strange, W.M.
- No. 130. *Yamaska Lodge, Granby, Que.*
W. Bro. J. H. Bartlett, W.M.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, Ont.*
W. Bro. James G. Cooper, Proxy.
- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Ezeter, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, Proxy.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Proxy.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.*
W. Bro. G. R. Vanzant, P.M.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, Proxy.
- No. 139. *Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. M. Gilbranson, W.M.; V.W. Bro. John Boyd, P.M.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. William Carey, Proxy.
- No. 142. *Excelsior Lodge, Morrisburg, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. A. G. Macdonell, W.M.; W. Bro. S. B. Fell, P. M.

- No. 143. *Friendly Brothers' Lodge, Iroquois, Ont.*
Bro. David Fink, S.W.; W. Bro. James Stephenson, P.M.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*
W. Bro. Charles Paickert, W.M.
- No. 145. *J. B. Hall Lodge, Millbrook, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, Proxy.
- No. 146. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Newburg, Ont.*
W. Bro. Peter Johnston, W. M.; Bro. W. H. Miller, J. W.;
W. Bro. Thos. Scott, P.M.
- No. 147. *Mississippi Lodge, Almonte, Ont.*
R.W. Bro. Wm. Mostyn, W.M.; W. Bro. Peter McDougall, P.M.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. N. W. McLean, W.M.; M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, P.M.
- No. 149. *Erie Lodge, Port Dover, Ont.*
W. Bro. Silas Hoover, W.M.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, Ont.*
W. Bro. Adam Murray, W. M.; Bros. Charles O. Sizer, S. W.;
Wm. Hendry, J.W.; R. W. Bro. Charles Hendry, P.M.
- No. 154. *Irving Lodge, Lucan, Ont.*
W. Bro. James Sutton, W. M.
- No. 155. *Peterboro' Lodge, Peterboro, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Cameron, W.M.; V.W. Bro. J. R. Ormond, P. M.
- No. 156. *York Lodge, Davisville, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Nortis, W.M.
- No. 157. *Simpson Lodge, Newboro', Ont.*
W. Bro. R. H. Preston, W.M.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*
W. Bro. David Trotter, Proxy.
- No. 161. *Percy Lodge, Warkworth, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. T. Wiggins, W.M.
- No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroseter, Ont.*
W. Bro. Jno. S. Tennant, W.M.
- No. 163. *Browne Lodge, Brigham, Que.*
W. Bros. James A. Hill, W.M.; Charles Brown, P.M.
- No. 164. *Star in the East Lodge, Wellington, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. M. Platt, Proxy.
- No. 165. *Burlington Lodge, Wellington Square, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Thos. B. Harris, Proxy.
- No. 169. *Macnab Lodge, Port Colborne, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. B. Neff, P.M., Proxy.

- No. 170. *Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, Ont.*
W. Bro. James H. Benson, W. M.
- No. 172. *Ayr Lodge, Ayr, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, Proxy.
- No. 173. *Victoria Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
V. W. Bro. William Nivin, W.M.; Bro. J. R. Thomson, S.W.;
W. Bro. F. W. Campbell, P.M.
- No. 174. *Walsingham Lodge, Port Rowan, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 177. *The Builders Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bros. E. B. Butterworth, W.M.; David Wilson, P. M.
- No. 178. *Plattsville Lodge, Plattsville, Ont.*
W. Bro. F. Butcher, W.M.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Carruthers, Proxy.
- No. 180. *Speed Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. D. Hepburn, W.M.
- No. 181. *Oriental Lodge, Port Burwell, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. C. Bennett, Proxy.
- No. 184. *Old Light Lodge, Lucknow, Ont.*
W. Bro. John S. Tennant, P. M., Proxy.
- No. 185. *Enniskillen Lodge, York, Ont.*
W. Bro. R. A. Weir, W.M.
- No. 186. *Plantagenet Lodge, Plantagenet, Ont.*
Bro. Wm. Story, S.W.; W. Bro. W. A. Chamberlain, P.M.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg, Que.*
W. Bro. H. P. Newell, W.M.; Bro. Chas. Ruiter, J.W.; R.W. Bro.
H. D. Pickel, P.M.; W. Bro. M. A. Pickel, P.M.
- No. 189. *Filius Viduæ Lodge, Adolphustown, Ont.*
W. Bro. Peter D. Davis, W.M.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.*
W. Bro. James O'Connor, Proxy.
- No. 192. *Orillia Lodge, Orillia, Ont.*
W. Bro. T. S. Atkinson, W.M.
- No. 193. *Scotland Lodge, Scotland, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. F. Mudge, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Sinclair, W.M.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. Wm. Carey, Proxy; R. W. Bro. Jas. Moffat, P.M.;
V. W. Bro. R. Lewis, P.M.

- No. 196. *Madawaska Lodge, Arnprior, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. H. Supple, Proxy.
- No. 197. *Saugeen Lodge, Wulkerton, Ont.*
W. Bro. James G. Cooper, W.M.
- No. 198. *White Oak Lodge, Oakville, Ont.*
W. Bro. William Robertson, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest, Ont.*
W. Bros. John McLaren, W.M.; W. W. Winfield, P.M.
- No. 201. *Leeds Lodge, Gananoque, Ont.*
W. Bros. W. B. Carroll, P.M., Proxy; James Hayward, P.M.
- No. 202. *Mount Royal Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
Bro. J. Douglas, S.W.; V. W. Bro. P. McTavish, P.M.
- No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora, Ont.*
W. Bro. F. Dalby, W.M.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.*
W. Bros. William Morton, W.M.; John Moran, P.M.
- No. 207. *Lancaster Lodge, Lancaster, Ont.*
Bro. A. Falkner, J.W.; W. Bros. A. McGregor, P.M., J. W. McEdward, P.M.
- No. 209a. *St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. S. Smith, P.M.
- No. 209. *Evergreen Lodge, Lanark, Ont.*
W. Bro. Robert Howden, Proxy.
- No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ont.*
Bro. Edward C. Wade, S.W.; W. Bro. J. W. Crate, P.M.
- No. 212. *Elysian Lodge, Garden Island.*
Bro. H. O. Hitchcock, J.W.
- No. 213. *Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, Ont.*
Bro. W. W. Hume, J.W.
- No. 214. *Craig Lodge, Ailsa Craig, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, Proxy.
- No. 215. *Lake Lodge, Ameliasburg, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, Proxy.
- No. 216. *Harris Lodge, Orangeville, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, Proxy.
- No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. G. Burns, W.M.; Bro. George Chanter, S.W.
- No. 220. *Zeredatha Lodge, Uxbridge, Ont.*
W. Bro. James J. Hillary, P.M.
- No. 222. *Marmora Lodge, Marmora, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. F. Purdy, W.M.

- No. 226. *Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
W. Bros. John McLean, W.M.; W. McCoy, P.M.
- No. 227. *Sutton Lodge, Sutton Flatts, Que.*
V. W. Bro. E. Racicot, Proxy.
- No. 228. *Prince Arthur Lodge, Odessa, Ont.*
Bro. A. P. Booth, S.W.
- No. 229. *Ionic Lodge, Brampton, Ont.*
Bro. J. P. Clark, S.W.
- No. 232. *Cameron Lodge, Wallacetown, Ont.*
W. Bro. A. Hayden, Proxy.
- No. 233. *Doric Lodge, Park Hill, Ont.*
W. Bro. H. A. Baxter, Proxy.
- No. 234. *Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, Proxy.
- No. 236. *Manitoba Lodge, Bonaventure, Ont.*
W. Bro. James St. Clair, W.M.
- No. 238. *Havelock Lodge, Watford, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. James Gowans, Proxy.
- No. 240. *Prince Rupert's Lodge, Winnipeg, Man.*
R. W. Bro. Wm. N. Kennedy, P.M.
- No. 241. *Quinte Lodge, Shannonville, Ont.*
W. Bro. S. S. Lazier, W.M.
- No. 243. *St. George Lodge, St. George, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. H. McK. Wilson, Proxy.
- No. 244. *Lisgar Lodge, Mopleton, Man.*
Bro. S. L. Bedson, S.W.
- No. 245. *Tecumseh Lodge, Thamesville, Ont.*
W. Bro. David H. Bedford, Proxy.
- No. 246. *Union of Strict Observance Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
W. Bro. J. C. Thurston, W.M.; Bros. Joseph Mitchell, S.W.
John H. Jones, J.W.
- No. 247. *Ashlar Lodge, Yorkville, Ont.*
W. Bro. T. F. Blackwood, W.M.
- No. 248. *Eureka Lodge, Pakenham, Ont.*
W. Bro. John W. Pickup, W.M.
- No. 249. *Caledonian Lodge, Angus, Ont.*
W. Bro. S. B. Fisk, W.M.; Bro. John McKimmie, S.W.
- No. 253. *Minden Lodge, Kingston, Ont.*
W. Bro. Samuel Wood, W.M.; Bros. D. McTavish, S.W.;
J. M. Pollock, J.W.

- No. 254. *Clifton Lodge, Clifton, Ont.*
W. Bro. Samuel Smith, W.M.
- No. 255. *Sydenham Lodge, Dresden, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, P.M., Proxy.
- No. 256. *Farran's Point Lodge, Farran's Point, Ont.*
W. Bro. Charles A. Summers, W.M.; Bro. John Dennenay, J.W.; W. Bro. Charles F. H. Forbes, P.M.
- No. 257. *Galt Lodge, Galt, Ont.*
Bro. Wm. Elliot, S.W.
- No. 258. *Guelph Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*
W. Bros. Wm. J. Paterson, W.M.; Hugh Walker, P.M.
- No. 260. *Washington Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
W. Bro. David Trotten, W.M.
- No. 262. *Harriston Lodge, Harriston, Ont.*
W. Bro. W. W. Winfield, Proxy.
- No. 264. *Chaudiere Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. H. Timbers, W.M.
- No. 265. *Patterson Lodge, Concord, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, Proxy.
- No. 266. *Northern Light Lodge, Stayner, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. John Nettleton, Proxy.
- No. 267. *Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
W. Bros. W. H. Ballard, W.M.; A. D. Bogart, P.M.
- No. 268. *Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon, Ont.*
W. Bro. John Kennedy, W.M.
- No. 269. *Brougham Union Lodge, Brougham, Ont.*
W. Bro. D. W. Ferrier, W.M.
- No. 270. *Cedar Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.*
W. Bro. Philip Taylor, W.M.
- No. 272. *Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. E. Mitchell, Proxy.
- No. 274. *Kent Lodge, Blenheim, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Carruthers, P.M.
- No. 275. *Pontiac Lodge, Onslow, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber, Proxy.
- No. 277. *Seymour Lodge, Port Dalhousie, Ont.*
M. W. Bro. James Seymour, Proxy.
- No. 278. *Mystic Lodge, Roslin, Ont.*
W. Bro. E. B. Fralick, W.M.
- No. 279. *New Hope Lodge, Hespeler, Ont.*
V. W. Bro. W. S. Burnett, Proxy.

- No. 280. *Mount Sinai Lodge, Napanee, Ont.*
W. Bro. D. H. Preston, W.M.; Bro. A. S. Hart, S.W.; R. W.
Bro. Fred Richardson, P.M.
- No. 281. *Thorne Lodge, Holland Landing, Ont.*
W. Bro. Alex. Williams, W.M.
- No. 282. *Lorne Lodge, Glencoe, Ont.*
W. Bro. Wm. Hayden, W.M.
- No. 283. *Eureka Lodge, Belleville, Ont.*
R. W. Bro. L. H. Henderson, P.M.
- No. 285. *Seven Star Lodge, Alliston, Ont.*
W. Bro. J. St. Clair, Proxy.
 Wingham Lodge, Wingham, Ont.
W. Bro. J. E. Tamlyn, W.M.
 Shuniah Lodge, Prince Arthur's Landing.
R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, Acting for.
 Doric Lodge, Lobo, Ont.
W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, Acting for.
 Leamington Lodge, Leamington, Ont.
W. Bro. E. Allworth, Acting for.
 Dufferin Lodge, West Flamboro, Ont.
Bros. Alfred Jones, S.W.; W. J. Miller, J.W.
 Conestogo Lodge, Drayton, Ont.
R. W. Bro. Charles Hendry, W.M.
 Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.
W. Bro. Lucius S. Oille, W.M.
 Preston Lodge, Preston, Ont.
R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, W.M.
 Eddy Lodge, Hull, Que.
W. Bro. Wm. H. Timbers, Acting for.
 Victoria Lodge, Centreville, Ont.
W. Bro. W. H. Miller, W.M.
 Mount Olivet Lodge, Thorndale, Ont.
W. Bro. Richard Mills, W.M.

On motion, the report of the committee on Credentials was received and adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master, granted permission for the admission of all Master Masons in good standing as visitors.

The Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge, during time of business.

The Grand Secretary commenced reading the minutes of proceedings at the last Annual Communication, when

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Thos. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Mackenzie, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the proceedings of Grand Lodge at its Seventeenth Annual Communication, held at the city of Hamilton, on the 10th and 11th days of July, A. D. 1872, having been printed, and copies thereof forwarded to the Subordinate Lodges, the same be considered as read and now confirmed.

The Grand Secretary read the minutes of a Special Communication, held at the city of Hamilton, on the 1st day of July, A. D. 1873, for the purpose of laying the corner stone of the new Masonic Hall.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. F. Westlake, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, and

RESOLVED,—That the minutes of the Special Communication, held at the city of Hamilton, just read be confirmed.

The M. W. Grand Master delivered the following address to the brethren assembled in Grand Communication.

ADDRESS.

Brethren of Grand Lodge:

It gives me great pleasure again to meet the representatives of our Lodges in this, our Eighteenth Annual Communication. The practice of delivering an address from the chair, introduced by myself at our first meeting, followed the example set us by our sister Grand Lodges in the United States, and has ever since been adhered to by the distinguished brethren who have so ably discharged the duties of Grand Master in this jurisdiction. In the early period of the existence of our Grand Lodge, matters of government, points of masonic law, our relations with the masonic world in general, and with other Grand Bodies in particular, together with innumerable matters of detail, afforded ample scope for consideration and discussion; these, however, are now well understood and satisfactorily settled, and it appears to me that the "annual address" is now only useful as placing upon record the masonic incidents of the past year, and for bringing under the notice of Grand Lodge such topics as

may be considered worthy of especial consideration, or as requiring future legislation. Acting upon this view, and declining to take advantage of my position to read you a lecture on Masonry, I shall confine myself to a brief detail of the masonic events which have transpired since my reelection, after which I will introduce such matters as seem to me requiring your consideration.

My attention having been directed to a certain resolution adopted by the Grand Lodge of Vermont at their last annual meeting, which instructed their Grand Master that in the event of this Grand Lodge not having withdrawn all claims to jurisdiction over the Province of Quebec, at our Annual Communication in July last, it would be her duty to issue circulars to the different Grand Lodges and to their own subordinate Lodges, notifying them that all masonic intercourse had been suspended between us. Feeling that this most unfriendly and dictatorial act of the Grand Lodge of Vermont required prompt action on my own part as your Grand Master, I at once issued the following edict:

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

*To all to whom these Presents shall come,
Greeting :*

Whereas, Official information has reached us *this day*, that at the last Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont, the following resolution was adopted, viz.:

"Whereas, the Grand Lodge of Canada still refuses recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and is asserting jurisdiction over Lodges located in the Province of Quebec; and

"Whereas, Such assertion of jurisdiction violates the well-settled principles of masonic law, applicable to such cases; therefore

"Resolved, That the Grand Master is hereby instructed (unless the Grand Lodge of Canada, at its next session, withdraws from and ceases to assert any jurisdiction over any Lodge or Masons in the Province of Quebec) to issue circulars to the different Grand Lodges, as well as to the subordinate Lodges of this State, that the Grand Lodge of Vermont and its subordinates have suspended all masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada and Masons under its jurisdiction, until the wrong is made right."

And Whereas, The Grand Lodge of Canada, since its establishment in October, 1855, has claimed and exercised exclusive masonic jurisdiction

and authority over the Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which claims to masonic sovereignty have been recognized and admitted, not only by the Masons of Quebec and the Grand Lodge of Vermont, but also by the Grand Lodges in every quarter of the globe ; and

Whereas, While we readily admit the *right* that our sister Grand Lodges have (in accordance with their knowledge of the facts and of masonic law) to recognize and establish friendly relations with any body of Masons whom they may deem worthy of that honor, we at the same time most emphatically deny the *right* of any Grand Lodge to dictate to us as to the course we should follow in such cases ; and we therefore at once indignantly repel the attempt thus made by the Grand Lodge of Vermont to coerce this Grand Body into the recognition of a body of Masons who, without the assent of this Grand Lodge, and in contempt of all masonic law and precedent, have thus attempted to wrest from us a portion of our lawful territory and authority. The Grand Lodge of Canada, while jealous of her own honor, and careful at all times not to encroach upon the rights or prerogatives of others, will permit no interference, and will submit to no dictation from any quarter whatever.

Now, therefore, for the reasons above stated, and by virtue of the power vested in us as Grand Master, we do hereby order and direct that all official correspondence and communication between this Grand Lodge and the Grand Lodge of the State of Vermont shall now cease and terminate ; and we do hereby charge and command all our worshipful and loving brethren within our jurisdiction to refuse admission into our Lodges, and to hold no masonic communication with, any Mason hailing from the jurisdiction of the said Grand Lodge of Vermont. We also further order and direct that this Edict shall remain in full force and effect until the Grand Lodge of Vermont shall rescind the unfriendly and unjustifiable resolution above recited.

Done and passed at the office of the Grand Master, at Simcoe, this 24th day of October, A. D. 1872.

WM. M. WILSON,
Grand Master.

This was promptly followed by a characteristic letter from our M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, resigning his position as representative of the Grand Lodge of Vermont near this Grand Lodge, a copy of which will be found in the appendix hereto, and also as a necessary sequence by the withdrawal of the credentials of our representative near the Grand Lodge of Vermont. While I regret the necessity of these proceedings, I entertain no doubt of your unanimous approval.

In February last I received a letter from the Grand

Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, informing me that his Grand Lodge had passed a resolution withdrawing their representative in this Grand Lodge, in consequence of what they conceive to be an antagonistic feeling on our part, as shown by the continuation of friendly relations with the Grand Orient of France, and as a necessary sequence to this action, our R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor, M. D., at that Grand Lodge, has tendered to me his resignation.

It appears to me that the Grand Lodge of Louisiana has misapprehended our action in this matter. The Grand Lodge of Canada has for the past ten years been in fraternal communication with the Grand Orient of France, and the formal exchange of representatives, although delayed, was made without the slightest reference to, or thought of, the difficulties which had sprung up between these Grand Bodies.

With reference to the point at issue between the Grand Lodges of France and Louisiana, I must say that my sympathies are entirely with our sister Grand Lodge of Louisiana, but I fail to see that this Grand Lodge is called upon on that account to suspend friendly relations with a sister Grand Lodge.

I directed the Grand Secretary to acknowledge the receipt of R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor's letter, and while regretting the action of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in this matter, to thank R. W. Bro. Batchelor for his valuable services rendered on behalf of the Order and more particularly to this Grand Lodge, and to unite with him in the expression of the hope, that at no distant day the two Grand Bodies would be again on terms of friendly intercourse and the reciprocal exchange of masonic courtesies.

I have to announce for your information, that our R. W. Bro. Wm. H. Fraser having ceased to reside in the State of Wisconsin, resigned his position as our representative to that Grand Body, and I had much pleasure in appointing as his successor, our R. W. Bro. Charles Kahn, who has become a resident of that State. R. W. Bro. Fraser has since received his credentials from the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge

of Wisconsin, as their representative near this Grand Lodge, and will doubtless present them during the present session. I have also been notified that our R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay has been appointed grand representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan to this Grand Lodge, and entertain no doubt but that both of them will be received in their position as representatives of the respective Grand Lodges which they now represent, and I recommend that the rank of a Past Grand Registrar be conferred on these R. W. Brethren.

I had also much pleasure in appointing our R. W. Bro. Dr. Lorenzo Montafar, 33°, Secretary of State of the Republic of Costa Rica, as our representative near the Grand Orient of Central America, and have since received and accepted credentials from that Most Worshipful Body as their representative to this Grand Lodge.

On the 13th of November last, I had the pleasure of dedicating a new Hall at Windsor, occupied by Great Western Lodge, No. 47. I had appointed the following day for a similar ceremony at Chatham, but was prevented by sickness from arriving in time to take part in the dedication. The ceremony, however, was ably performed by the R. W. the D. D. G. M. of that masonic district. I had the pleasure of inspecting the new Lodge room at this place, with which, and the hall at Windsor, I was extremely pleased.

In March last, I dedicated to Masonry a beautiful Hall at Pembroke, (upon which occasion I was the recipient of a very gratifying address), and also one at the city of Ottawa, on both these occasions large numbers of the fraternity attended.

On the 3rd of June last, I dedicated a new Hall erected for the use of Beaver Lodge, No. 83, at Strathroy.

The corner stone of an Episcopal Methodist Church was laid with masonic ceremonies at Colbrook, on which occasion I was ably represented by R. W. Bro. Richardson, the D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District.

The corner stone of the Protestant Hospital at Ottawa, was by permission, laid with masonic ceremonies on the

16th of May last, by R. W. Bro. T. White, D.G.M., on which occasion the ceremony was graced by the presence of His Excellency the Earl of Dufferin, the Governor-General of the Dominion, who assisted in the work.

On the 28th of May last, I laid the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall, for the use of York Lodge, No. 156, at Eglinton.

On the 1st of July, the corner stone of a Presbyterian Church was laid at Mount Forest, by permission, by the W. M. of St. Alban's Lodge, No. 200.

M. W. Bro. Simpson, P. G. M., kindly officiated for me by special dispensation on the 1st of July, by laying the corner stone of an Episcopal Church at Napanee.

And on the same day I laid the corner stone of a new Masonic Hall at Hamilton, for which a special Grand Lodge was convened. The attendance of Masons from various parts of Ontario was very large, about 800, and it is estimated that from six to eight thousand persons were present at the ceremony. For a full and correct account of the proceedings, I refer you to the papers of the day. The preliminary arrangements were admirably made by our R. W. Bro. the Grand Secretary, ably assisted by the President and Directors of the Masonic Building Association. It is generally admitted to have been the most successful masonic demonstration ever made in Canada. I hope that in the proposed masonic temple, a suitable suit of chambers will be reserved for the office of our Grand Secretary.

On the 20th of February last, I spent a very pleasant evening with our Toronto brethren, at a conversazione, upon which occasion I took advantage of the large gathering of Masons, to present, on behalf of this Grand Lodge, the testimonial voted at our last meeting to M.W. Bro. Seymour. For a full account of this most interesting meeting, and for copies of the very flattering addresses presented to me, on that occasion, I refer you to the pages of the *Craftsman*.

On the 27th of May last, I paid an official visit to Ashlar

Lodge, No. 247, Yorkville, and had the pleasure of witnessing an admirable exemplification of correct working.

The receptions accorded to me on my official visits during the past year were most cordial; and I shall never forget the generous hospitality and the warm greetings I received from my brethren in the various localities I visited. When on my way to visit Pembroke Lodge, I was met at Renfrew by W. Bros. Supple and White, who had brought a sleigh upwards of forty miles to convey me in comfort to Pembroke; and on my return the same thoughtful kindness was repeated.

On the 16th of September last, I received a letter from M. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, President of the Masonic Board of Relief, of Chicago, covering a draft on New York for \$994, which he explained was the share, *pro rata*, of unexpended funds contributed by the Masons in Canada in aid of the fund raised for the relief of those Masons who had suffered from the great fire at Chicago, in October last, and in the acknowledgment of which contribution from our Grand Lodge, M. W. Bro. Cregier, writing to our M. W. Bro. Seymour on the 14th October, 1871, says:—"May God bless you and yours, and enable us to repay by *lasting gratitude*, if not in kind and coin, your generous bounty." The draft was at once handed over by me to the Grand Treasurer, and the receipt of it acknowledged in suitable terms. As the correspondence was published at the time, I need not further refer to the matter at present, than to repeat what I expressed in my reply, "that the action of the committee in returning funds not required for the purposes for which they were contributed, would ever afterwards be cited as a noble precedent for future guidance in all similar cases."

I regret to inform Grand Lodge that the room occupied by Shuniah Lodge, U. D., at Prince Arthur's Landing, at Thunder Bay, has been destroyed by fire, by which calamity our brethren lost their dispensation, jewels, and furniture. I directed that a duplicate dispensation should be issued to them free of charge, and recommend a grant of \$50 in money to assist them in refurnishing.

A number of dispensations have been issued to enable brethren to appear clothed as Masons at balls and festivals; and several also to authorize the initiation of candidates who resided without the jurisdiction of the Lodges interested.

I received a petition for a new lodge at Orillia, and also for one at St. Thomas, and, as neither of them had received a recommendation from the nearest Lodge, I declined granting the dispensations asked for, and refer the matter to Grand Lodge.

During the year I have granted Dispensations for the formation of fifteen new Lodges, a list of which I append:

Sept. 7, 1872, Wingham, held at Wingham, Ont.

Sept. 13, 1872, Shuniah, held at Prince Arthur's Landing, Lake Superior.

Sept. 19, 1872, Ancient Landmark, held at Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Nov. 18, 1872, Doric, held at Lobo, Ont.

Dec. 30, 1872, Leamington, held at Leamington, Ont.

Dec. 31, 1872, Dufferin, held at West Flamboro, Ont.

Jan. 21, 1873, Roberston, held at Nobleton, Ont.

Feb. 17, 1873, The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, held at Jerusalem, Palestine, (warranted.)

Feb. 27, 1873, Moore, held at Mooretown, Ont.

March 18, 1873, Conestogo, held at Drayton, Ont.

March 27, 1873, Temple, held at St. Catharines, Ont.

April 24, 1873, Preston, held at Preston, Ont.

April 26, 1873, Eddy, held at Hull, Co., Ottawa.

May 10, 1873, Victoria, held at Centreville, Ont.

May 30, 1873, Mount Olivet, held at Thorndale, Ont.

I regret to announce that our friendly relations with the Grand Lodge of Illinois have been interrupted in consequence of a certain resolution adopted by that Most Worshipful Body, at their last Annual Communication, which I regarded as of a most unfriendly and dictatorial character towards this Grand Lodge. The correspondence which followed this act has, by my direction, been published and circulated, and it will now devolve upon you to express

your opinion upon the whole question at issue, and to take such further action in the matter as you may consider requisite and necessary.

The report of our efficient and most trustworthy Grand Treasurer will be submitted for your inspection during the present session. I notice that on the 1st day of July instant, the financial position of Grand Lodge is as follows:—

Grand Lodge funds in Stocks, Debentures and	
Bank deposit.....	\$47,325 24
Asylum Fund.....	6,193 66
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	\$53,518 90

Complaints at the instance of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, of irregularities and improper conduct on the part of the officers and members of St. John's Lodge, No. 159, Irish Register, L'Original, have been received, and have been forwarded to the Grand Lodge of Ireland for the consideration of that Most Worshipful Body, with our request that the matter might receive their earliest attention. A reply has just been received, from which it appears to me that the Grand Lodge of Ireland has not been sufficiently informed as to all the matters complained of; and I now place it on record, so that it may not be lost sight of by my successor.

The reports which will be submitted during the present session by the District Deputy Grand Masters, will give you ample information as to the condition of Masonry in this jurisdiction; and it affords me much pleasure to announce that, so far as I am able to judge from my own personal observation, it is most satisfactory and cheering. The laudable efforts made during the past year by those in authority, to instruct the brethren in the ritual sanctioned by the Grand Lodge for the efficient working of a Lodge, and in the elucidation of interesting points of masonic law, by opening in various localities general Lodges of Instruction, have been most successful, and is most creditable to those distinguished brethren who have thus devoted their time and knowledge towards the general improvement of the craft. In December last I received a letter from our

R. W. Bro. the D. D. G. M. of the Wellington District, announcing that in consequence of ill health he was unable to perform the duties of his office, and fearing that the craft might suffer, tendered his resignation. As provided for by the constitution, I requested the Grand Registrar to take temporary charge of the District until our R. W. Brother sufficiently restored to health to resume his duties.

The address to our Illustrious Brother H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, ordered at our last Annual Communication, was most beautifully engrossed and forwarded under cover to R. W. Bro. Lord DeTabley, our grand representative near the Grand Lodge of England, who presented it to His Royal Highness, and transmitted to me the following gracious reply:

SANDRINGHAM, KINGS LYNN, NOV. 4, 1872.

General Sir William Knolleys is desired by the Prince of Wales to acknowledge the receipt of an address from the officers and members of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of Canada, conveying their warm congratulations on his Royal Highness's recovery from his illness.

His Royal Highness desires to return his cordial and sincere thanks to the officers and members of the Grand Lodge, and to assure them of the grateful sense he shall ever entertain of the kind feelings expressed towards him by the Masons of Canada.

Most Worshipful Brother

W. M. WILSON, Esq., LL.D.,

Grand Master G. L. C.

Among the deaths of the past year we have to deplore the loss of the Earl of Zetland, Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of England, who departed this life in May last. For upwards of a quarter of a century our distinguished brother ably filled the masonic throne of England. Under his benign sway, the light of Masonry, with all its attendant blessings and advantages, has been widely disseminated over the globe; "from Japan to Gibraltar, from the Gold coast to the Himalayan mountains, through the ancient empire of Cathay and the bleak regions of Newfoundland, the blessings of our friendly craft have been spread, through his fostering care." His heart was in the work, and he spared neither time nor

labor to ensure success. As an evidence of the lively interest which he felt in all masonic matters, and the great ability with which he discussed them, I would refer the brethren of the Grand Lodge to the published correspondence which took place between his lordship and myself in the year 1859. By the death of our departed brother, Masonry has lost a fervent supporter, and this Grand Lodge a warm friend.

Among the "old familiar faces" which in past years gladdened our hearts at our Annual Communications, we have to mourn one, now "at rest." I allude to our late R. W. Bro. Captain Thompson Wilson, 33°. Our venerable brother, who had passed the ripe old age of four score years, had served his country for upwards of 27 years in the Royal Artillery, sharing in all the dangers and glories of the Peninsular war. He was present and took part in the great battle of Waterloo, and subsequently served for three years in the West Indies. On retiring from active service, he settled in London, Ontario, in the year 1837; but again, at the call of his country, he rendered valuable service during the rebellion which broke out in this country at the close of that year. He was afterwards appointed barrack master on the eastern frontier at Prescott and Cornwall, subsequently retiring on half pay, after an additional service of sixteen years as barrack master. He then returned to London, where he thereafter resided, esteemed and respected by all who knew him.

On examining the masonic record of our distinguished brother, we find that he was initiated into Masonry in the Lodge of the 5th Regiment in the year 1816, and in the following year was passed and raised to the degree of Master Mason in Military Lodge No. 406 of the 91st Regiment. Our deceased brother having been elevated to the Royal Arch and installed as a Knight Templar, subsequently attained the grade of S. G. I. G., 33°. He also held the rank of a Past Deputy Grand Commander in the Grand Conclave of Masonic Knights Templar of Canada, and was an actual Past Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of Canada.

In his career as a soldier, our lamented brother was

distinguished for his loyalty, his zeal, and his courage ; and as a Mason, we all know that his love of the Order, as evinced by his strict adherence to its great leading principles, his unwearied efforts to promote its establishment and to ensure its prosperity, was only second to his loyalty to the crown and his love to the country of his birth. Ever proud to regard him as a personal friend, it affords me a melancholy pleasure thus to place on record these evidences of his worth as a man, and his standing and character as a Freemason. The widow and orphan daughter of our R. W. Brother can never want friends and protectors so long as Masonry exists in Canada or elsewhere.

We have also to mourn the loss of R.W.Bro. Alfio DeGrassi, a Past D.D.G.M. of the Toronto District, and a zealous and most useful member of our Order ; and of R. W. Bro. Thos. Drummond, representative of the Grand Lodge of Scotland to this Grand Lodge.

Among the masonic incidents of the past year, there is perhaps none possessing greater interest to the craft generally and to the Masons of this jurisdiction in particular, than the one to which I am now about to refer.

In the month of February last a petition was presented to me, signed by our distinguished and Most Worshipful Bro. Robert Morris, LL.D., and by M.W. Bro. Alex. A. Stevenson, both Past Grand Masters of this Grand Lodge, by Albert G. Mackey, John Scott, DeWitt C. Cregier, John Sheville, Rolla Floyd, Robert Macoy, and many of the most eminent members of our fraternity on this continent, praying that this Grand Lodge would grant them the requisite authority, and constitute the said brethren into a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of "The Royal Solomon Mother Lodge," to meet at the city of Jerusalem or adjacent places in Palestine. Regarding this as a very high compliment paid to our Grand Lodge, and approving most heartily of a scheme which had for its object the revival of *masonic light* in that grand old *East* which was the seat of its birth, and from which its brilliant rays

had been transmitted to every quarter of the globe, I gave the matter my most favorable consideration; and after consulting with as many of the Grand Lodge Officers as I conveniently could, I instructed the Grand Secretary to prepare the necessary authority, (a copy of this document will be found in the appendix hereto.) I trust that my action in this matter will meet the approval of Grand Lodge, and I would now suggest for your consideration the propriety of marking the lively interest which I think you must feel in this event, by forwarding to our distant offshoot the Three Great Lights of Masonry, together with the collars and jewels and clothing required by the officers of our new Lodge.

A report from the trustees of the Masonic Asylum Trust, will be submitted for your consideration. This important subject was first officially brought forward in 1859, but up to this period no decided action has been taken in the matter. I venture to express a hope that during the present session the subject will receive your careful consideration, and that you will decide either at once to give instructions for the carrying out of the suggestions made by the trustees, as to the purchase of lands and the erection of a suitable building, or to abandon the scheme altogether, for it does appear to me that (as expressed in the report) the protracted delay in carrying out a benevolent project, almost invites reflections injurious to the craft. When the scheme was first submitted, it was received with universal approbation, and a liberal support was promised; but it was subsequently argued by many of our leading Masons, that the class of persons in this country requiring this kind of benevolence, were very different from those for whom the great charities of England were established, and that but very few of them would be found willing to accept a HOME which would separate them from their children and relatives. From my own personal knowledge I may say, that there are many whose hearts are now gladdened by your bounty, that would rather relinquish it altogether than accept it upon the terms suggested. There are a few, however, who do not thus regard it, and as our country increases in population, so

will these cases increase also. From our ample resources a commencement on a limited scale might now be inaugurated, the land required for this purpose may be obtained at a comparatively low price at present, and I am inclined to believe that the fund now at the disposal of the trustees, would be found amply sufficient to purchase the land and to secure a HOME which, for some years to come at all events, would be large enough to meet the necessities of our present position. I leave the whole matter in your hands, firmly believing that you will take such action as will seem to you to be most wise and prudent. Appeals from *poverty* and *distress* have never been disregarded by this Grand Lodge. The open hand, prompted by the generous heart, has ever been cheerfully extended to relieve the wants of our poor brethren, their widows or orphans; and the delay which has occurred in the matter of the Masonic Asylum, has really arisen from the anxious desire of the members of this Grand Lodge to ascertain the best way of directing the stream of their benevolence so as to secure the greatest good to the greatest number. And I am proud to say that the Grand Lodge of Canada not only appreciates but practices that beautiful sentiment of Galt, "that whenever " we do an act of justice or kindness to another, it is the " benevolence of Heaven directing us to achieve some good " for ourselves."

Brethren, having thus briefly and hurriedly referred to the various subjects and incidents of the past year, I will not further trespass upon your patience. I shall leave this chair conscious of the fact that my efforts to promote the interests of Masonry generally, and of this Grand Lodge in particular, have fallen far short of my aspirations; but I shall also leave it with the gratifying thought, that while I myself entertain none but the warmest feelings of brotherly love to every Mason in Canada, I am proud to believe that I shall carry with me the good wishes and respect of the fraternity generally.

And now, brethren, I shall conclude in the language of the great apostle: "Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect,

and powers of his office. And we do require you, the said Robert Morris, to take special care that all and every the said brethren are or have been regularly made Masons, and that you and they and all other the members of the said lodge do observe, perform and keep the laws, rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitution, and all others which may from time to time be made by our Grand Lodge, or transmitted by us or our successors, Grand Masters, or by our Deputy Grand Master for the time being. And we do enjoin you to make such by-laws for the government of your Lodge as shall to the majority of the members appear proper and necessary, the same not being contrary to or inconsistent with the general laws and regulations of the craft, a copy whereof you are to transmit to us. And we do require you to cause all such by-laws and regulations, and also an account of the proceedings in your Lodge, to be entered in a book to be kept for that purpose. And you are in no wise to omit to send to us or our successors, Grand Masters, or to our Deputy Grand Master for the time being, in form and manner directed by the Book of Constitution, at least once in every year, a list of the members of your Lodge, and the names and descriptions of all Masons initiated therein and brethren who shall have joined the same, with the fees and moneys payable thereon, it being our will and intention that this, our warrant of constitution, shall continue in force so long only as you shall conform to the laws and regulations of our Grand Lodge. And you, the said Robert Morris, are further required, as soon as conveniently may be, to send us an account in writing of what shall be done by virtue of these presents.

Given under our hands and the seal of the Grand Lodge at Hamilton, the 17th February, A. L. 5873, A. D. 1873.

By command of the M. W. Grand Master.

THOMAS WHITE, JR., D. G. M.

THOMAS B. HARRIS, Grand Secretary.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Reynolds, and

RESOLVED,—That the address of the M. W. Grand Master be referred to the Board of General Purposes to report thereon.

M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, P. G. M., announced in Grand Lodge that he had sent back his Credentials, and tendered his resignation as representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana in this Grand Lodge.

The following reports from the various District Deputy Grand Masters were read, viz :

LONDON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—By permission of an All-wise Being, Grand Lodge has again met to exchange congratulations, review the work of the past, to counsel and advise for the present as well as the future workings of our time-honoured institution.

In reporting on the condition of Masonry in the London District, I have much pleasure in stating that my official visits have been a source of much gratification to me, having found nearly all the Lodges working well and harmoniously, with the exception of a few complaints unnecessary to mention, which have been promptly and satisfactorily settled. I might here state that one Lodge only, viz., St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, which came under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Canada at its last Annual Communication has been the cause of any trouble, and that proceeding from the election and installation of the W. Master who was subsequently discovered not to be a member of the Lodge, this matter was laid before the Board of General Purposes at its annual meeting in February last, and was disposed of by their declaring the election null and void; another unpleasantness occurred in the same Lodge by the Secretary refusing to give up the books of the Lodge to the auditors duly appointed by them, an appeal to him being first made by the W. Master of the Lodge, and afterwards by myself, and having refused us both I suspended him (under clause seven of District Deputy Grand Master, page 38 of Constitution) and immediately reported the action I had taken in the matter to the M. W. Grand Master, who deemed it prudent to remove the suspension on conditions that he would permit the auditors to proceed with their examination, these conditions have to a certain extent been complied with, but the result I have not as yet learned.

During the past year three dispensations have been applied for to form new Lodges, two of which the M. W. Grand

Master has been pleased to grant, namely, Doric Lodge, Lobo village, and Mount Olivet Lodge, Thorndale, both in the County of Middlesex, the third is in the town of St. Thomas, County of Elgin, but being so near the meeting of Grand Lodge the dispensation has not been granted, but I trust it may at the present Communication of Grand Lodge. I have granted several dispensations during the year to Lodges to wear regalia, attending places of worship and at festivals.

On the 7th of January last, I had the pleasure of dedicating a new Masonic Hall, in the village of Glencoe, and installing the officers of Lorne Lodge, No. 282, who received their charter at the last Communication of Grand Lodge. On the 3rd of June, 1873, the M. W. Grand Master dedicated a new Masonic Hall, in the town of Strathroy; on both occasions able assistance was rendered by the Grand Chaplain, and many leading brethren of the Lodges as well as others from a distance.

During my official visits to the different Lodges in my district, many enquiries have been made as to the advisability of reducing the fees paid by members to Grand Lodge. I would here suggest considering the large amount in the Treasury of the Grand Lodge, that the dues be reduced from 50 cents to 25 cents yearly.

In conclusion allow me to return my sincere thanks to the Grand Master and Grand Secretary for the prompt and satisfactory replies to all communications on matters referred to them by me, also to the Maçons of the London District for the many acts of kindness and courtesy extended to me during the past year.

All of which is most respectfully and fraternally submitted.

F. WESTLAKE,

London, 24th of June, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873,

D. D. G. M., London District.

WILSON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In submitting my report as D. D. G. M. of the Wilson District for the Masonic year now nearly closed, I would state that on the 21st day of November last, assisted by W. Bro. Robert Stark, of Oxford Lodge No. 76, I had the pleasure of constituting Oak Branch Lodge, No. 261, held at Innerkip, in the County of Oxford—a charter for which was granted at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge. I found this Lodge, under the able and zealous mastership of W. Bro. Stark, while acting under dispensation, in a flourishing condition.

I extremely regret that in consequence of the severity of the last winter, and severe indisposition resulting therefrom and continuing for upwards of three months, I was unable to visit, as I most ardently desired, all the Lodges in my District. I trust that those Lodges which I have been unable to visit will not attribute my absence during the year to any apathy. To have visited each and every one was my fond hope and intention when I was last year honored with the appointment to the office which I now hold.

It affords me much pleasure to state that all the Lodges which I have visited are working in accordance with the ritual adopted and authorized by Grand Lodge; and if I may be permitted to judge of those Lodges not visited by me, taking as a criterion those which I have visited, I should say that Masonry in this District is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition—the Masters of the several Lodges being zealous Masons, and well qualified for the discharge of the duties devolving upon them.

It affords me much gratification to report that during my term of office the utmost peace and harmony have prevailed in the District—not one complaint of any kind having been made to me during that time.

While we have reason to congratulate ourselves on the prosperity of our Order during the past year, we have in

that period been called upon to mourn the loss of several of our brethren—some of whom were cut off in the prime of their manhood. They are at rest from their labors: may that rest be peace.

I cannot conclude without expressing my high appreciation of the uniform kindness and fraternal regard exhibited to me by my brethren in the District during the past year. This I shall always bear in grateful remembrance.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. McKAY WILSON,

Brantford, 26th June, 1873.

D. D. G. M., Wilson District.

HURON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I have the honor to submit my report on the condition of Masonry in Huron District for the year A. L. 5872-3.

There are nineteen Lodges in this District, and all except one are working in harmony, and appear to be in a prosperous and healthy condition; and those Lodges that I have been able to visit are working correctly.

I am sorry that I am not able to report that I have visited all the Lodges in my District, as I had intended.

During the past year I have held two general Lodges of Instruction in my District—the first at Goderich on the 19th, 20th and 21st days of February last, and the second at Stratford on the 10th, 11th and 12th days of June last. Seventeen Lodges of the District were represented by brethren attending the first Lodge of Instruction, which was also the first District Lodge of Instruction ever held in the District. There was not quite so good an attendance at the second Lodge of Instruction, although a large number of the brethren were in attendance from the neighboring Lodges. The ritual of this Grand Lodge was correctly exemplified by a number of well-skilled brethren at both Lodges of Instruction, and I take this opportunity of tendering my hearty

thanks to those brethren for their valuable assistance on those occasions, and also to the brethren of Maitland and Goderich Lodges for their great kindness in making provision for the comfort of the brethren attending the Lodge of Instruction held at Goderich, and to the brethren of Tecumseh Lodge, No. 144, for the like attention to the brethren attending at Stratford. Both Lodges were well attended, and I have no doubt will tend to improve the working of the Lodges in this District. We were favored by the attendance of brethren from the neighboring District on both occasions, who expressed themselves as well pleased with the instruction given. They were received with the same kind and fraternal welcome accorded to all who attended on either occasion.

I regret to report that the unfortunate difficulties that arose in Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell, last year, have not been settled yet, and I fear will not be until some of the brethren withdraw from membership. I have made several attempts to settle matters, but have failed. The difficulty appears to have increased rather than diminished, and the usefulness of the Lodge is entirely destroyed by this unhappy affair, which should not have occurred except through the indiscretion of the officers of the Lodge for the years A. L. 5871-2.

During the year I have dedicated the hall and installed the officers of St. John's Lodge, No. 284, Ainleysville (now Brussels), and installed the officers of St. James Lodge, No. 73, St. Marys.

I have granted two dispensations during the year—one to Goderich Lodge, No. 33, and one to Saugeen Lodge, No. 197, authorizing the brethren to attend a festival on St. John's Day (27th December last), clothed as Masons.

Four deaths have been reported to me during the year, viz., Bro. John Davidson, of Tudor Lodge, No. 141, Mitchell; Bro. John Reid McVicar, of Saugeen Lodge, No. 197; W. Bro. Rev. Alexander McKidd, P. M. of Goderich Lodge, No. 33, and Bro. James Douglas, F. C. of Goderich Lodge, No. 33.

The M. W. Grand Master has been pleased to issue a dispensation for holding a Lodge at the village of Wingham. From the ability of the W. M. of this Lodge, I have no hesitation in recommending that a warrant be issued in its favor.

I desire to express my warmest thanks to the brethren of Huron District for the courteous and fraternal manner in which I have been received during my official visits, and on all other occasions on which I have had the pleasure of meeting my brethren, and heartily trust my successor may be equally fortunate.

Respectfully submitted.

JOHN E. HARDING,

St. Marys, July 4th, A. D. 1873, A. L. 5873.

D. D. G. M. Huron District.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. M. Gutman, seconded by W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myers, and

RESOLVED,—That inasmuch as the Reports of the D. D. G. Masters are referred to the Board of General Purposes for consideration, who will report on the same to this Grand Lodge, the further reading of said reports be dispensed with.

WELLINGTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master, Grand Lodge of Canada:

M. W. SIR AND BROTHER,—I regret being obliged to report that since I had the honor of being appointed D. D. G. M. of this District I have been prevented by sickness from attending to the duties of the office, and, although somewhat recovered, am not sufficiently so to undertake the journey to attend the Grand Lodge.

From inquiries made at different times, I am glad to say that Masonry is steadily increasing in the District.

During the year dispensations have been granted for two Lodges—one at Drayton, R. W. Bro. C. Hendry being W.M., and the other at Preston, R.W. Bro. O. Klotz occupying the East. And although I have been unable to visit those Lodges, I have every confidence in their management under

those R. W. Brethren, and would respectfully recommend that warrants be granted to these Lodges.

I have the honor to be, Most Worshipful Sir,

Yours fraternally,

THOS. M. ANDERSON,

Ayr, Ont., 3rd July, 1873.

D. D. G. M., Wellington District.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada :

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—I beg leave to submit the following brief report as regards my connection with the Wellington District.

On the ninth of December last, I received a communication from the M. W. the Grand Master informing me that I had been appointed to the charge of the Wellington District.

Upon inquiry I learned that the R. W. the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. T. M. Anderson, had on account of illness sent in his resignation to the M. W. the Grand Master, as he was unable to discharge the duties of the office in the manner that he would desire.

After deliberation the Grand Master thought it not advisable to accept Bro. Anderson's resignation, and requested me, as Grand Registrar and as provided by the Constitution, to take charge of the District until such time as Bro. Anderson might recover sufficiently to resume the discharge of the duties of the office, or until the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge, when a successor could be elected in his place. I wrote to R. W. Bro. Anderson, requesting him to give me such information in regard to the requirements of the District as he might think proper, so that I could make arrangements to enter upon the discharge of my duties. After waiting a long time and receiving no answer, I learned from the Grand Master that Bro. Anderson had never received my communication. I again wrote him on the subject, and was informed by him that, as far as he knew, the District was in a flourishing condition, but that the officers of Harriston Lodge, Harriston, had not been installed, and requesting me to make such arrangements as I might think proper towards installing them. I accordingly

corresponded with the W. Master of that Lodge, and appointed the 23rd of February as the date to call an emergent meeting of the Lodge for installation ceremony and other business that might be required. On that date I proceeded to Harriston and installed the W. M. and other officers. I also installed W. Bro. Cowan, the retiring Master, who had never been installed as a Past Master, as the Lodge had been under dispensation when the District Deputy Grand Master had paid his official visitation to Harriston Lodge. I was ably supported on the occasion by W. Bros. Winfield and Swan, of St. Albans Lodge, Mount Forest, who had come over to assist at the ceremony of installation. I have great pleasure in stating to Grand Lodge that from the zealous and harmonious manner in which the members of the Lodge appeared to work, that Harriston Lodge will reflect great credit on the craft generally. After the Lodge was closed, myself and the visiting brethren were handsomely entertained at a banquet by the brethren of Harriston Lodge. It was my intention when I left home to have visited a number of the Lodges in the District, but having caught a severe cold on the way over I was obliged to return home without having made any other visitations. W. Bros. Winfield and Swan assured me of the prosperity of St. Albans Lodge, and from what I saw of the ability of those W. Brothers I am satisfied that their Lodge must be in a very efficient and prosperous condition.

Other business engagements have since that time prevented me from again visiting the District, much as it would have pleased me to have done so.

In conclusion I would beg leave to thank the members of Harriston Lodge for the very cordial and masonic manner in which they treated me during my visit. I would also take this opportunity of thanking W. Bros. Winfield and Swan for their able assistance on that occasion, and for having driven so far to assist me as the weather was very unfavorable.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

CHAUNCEY BENNETT,

Grand Registrar, and Acting D. D. G. M., Wellington District.

HAMILTON DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor and privilege for the third time of submitting to Grand Lodge the annual report for the Hamilton District; and what is pleasing to me, and must also be gratifying to Grand Lodge, I have for the third time to report that no delinquency, irregularity, or discord has been brought under my notice, but that on the contrary the same brotherly love, harmony, and unanimity which have characterised our Lodges in the past still continue.

The Lodges in the District at present are:

Barton,	No. 6, Hamilton,	W. Bro. Gavin Stewart,	W. M.
Strict Observance,	" 27, "	V. " " J. J. Mason,	"
St. John's,	" 40, "	" " Wm. Bell,	"
Harmony,	" 57, Binbrook,	" " John Simpson,	"
Acacia,	" 61, Hamilton,	" " F. A. Gardner,	"
Valley,	" 100, Dundas,	" " A. H. Walker,	"
St. Clair,	" 125, Milton,	" " J. D. Matheson,	"
Burlington,	" 165, Welling. Square,	" " Wm. Kerns,	"
Wentworth,	" 166, Stoney Creek,	" " J. Slingerland,	"
White Oak,	" 198, Oakville,	" " J. Kaitting,	"
Credit,	" 219, Georgetown,	" " J. Murray,	"
Seymour,	" 272, Ancaster,	" " Chas. E. Whitcombe,	"
Dufferin,	U. D., West Flamboro	" " Thos. Miller,	"

All of which I have visited officially, and have no small pleasure in bearing my humble testimony to Grand Lodge of the skill and ability displayed in each and all of said Lodges by the worthy brethren to whose care they have been committed, as well as to their highly satisfactory and flourishing condition.

With regard to the last-named Lodge, to which the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation, I feel myself fully warranted to believe that, if it please Grand Lodge to grant a charter, its future career will be no discredit to the illustrious and honored representative of our gracious Queen in this Dominion, whose name it bears.

There have been during the year in the District one hundred and twelve initiated into our mysteries, and thirty-four brethren have affiliated; and as a proof that our portals have not been unguarded, I find fifty-three applicants have

been rejected. This, in my humble opinion, is a step in the right direction, and earnestly do I hope that our Lodges will continue vigilantly to guard against admitting "rotten stones to the building."

The total number of Masons belonging to Lodges in the District is nine hundred and twenty-eight, being an increase over last year of one hundred and thirty-two.

On the 15th October, assisted by R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris and other able and distinguished Past Masters, I had the pleasure of dedicating Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, and installing the officers, and at the conclusion of our labors were sumptuously and splendidly entertained by the brethren. I ventured to predict in my former report that success awaited the efforts of this new lodge, and so far they have proved even more successful than the most sanguine could have anticipated.

I also had the privilege of dedicating Credit Lodge, of Georgetown, on which occasion I was accompanied and assisted by V. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, of Hamilton, and W. Bros. G. K. Chisholm and Pearce, of Oakville.

I also, on the 24th of June last past, installed the W. M. of Seymour Lodge, Ancaster, and on the same evening installed and invested the officers of Barton Lodge in Hamilton.

The brethren of the city of Hamilton celebrated St. John's day (27th December) by a Ball in the Masonic Hall, for which purpose the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation, and in whose name I had the pleasure of formally opening the same, which resulted in a complete success both socially and financially.

Yet, M. W. Sir, in the midst of our prosperity and enjoyment my report has a mournful side. The cold hand of Death has been amongst us; and still it is a matter for congratulation that so few out of so large a number should have been called away during the year. In my last report twelve brethren were mentioned as having been summoned by the gavel of Death, while this year we have to record but three who have passed away to "render an account of

the deeds done in the body," and who, we fondly hope, are now members of the "Grand Lodge above," and as a tribute to their memory I herein record their names.

Bro. Wm. Davidson, of Barton Lodge, No. 6.

" Peter Patterson, of St. John's Lodge, No. 40.

" Andrew Henderson, of Burlington Lodge, No. 165.

And now, in conclusion, I can only reiterate my former expressions of thankfulness to all the brethren in the District for their unvarying kindness and courtesy in having overlooked my many faults and shortcomings, and in having always extended to me a more than fraternal greeting whenever and wherever I have met them; and in resigning the trust reposed in me again into their hands, would ask one more favor, although satisfied that asking is unnecessary, that the same kindness and courtesy may be extended to my successor, and so long as such brethren preside over these Lodges as have presided for the period of my incumbency, so long will a D. D. G. M. be placed in the enviable position of lacking material for any report of grievances and discord, and will have to confine himself to the simple statement that "all is well."

Respectfully submitted.

E. MITCHELL,

Hamilton, 26th June, 1873.

D. D. G. M., Hamilton District.

NIAGARA DISTRICT.

To the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Canada.

M. W. SIR AND BRETHREN,—In complying with the requirements of the Constitution of Grand Lodge, I beg to submit this brief report on the condition of Masonry in the Niagara District.

There are seventeen Lodges in this district working under warrants issued by this Grand Lodge, extending from east to west a distance of sixty miles, from north to south about twenty-five miles, and although public as well as private business occupies a great part of my time, I have nevertheless visited sixteen Lodges, the one not visited being Welland

Lodge, No. 36, Fonthill, the mother Lodge of my esteemed R. W. Bro. I. P. Willson, who has vouched to me for its present prosperous condition.

A Special Communication of Grand Lodge, was held in the town of St. Catharines, on the 13th day of August, for the purpose of laying the foundation stone of a new Masonic Temple, now nearly completed, when in the absence of the M. W. Grand Master, I had the honor of assisting M. W. Past Grand Master Seymour in discharging that duty, who was presented with a beautiful trowel by the St. Catharines Brethren, after which ceremony, the brethren were most kindly entertained by the members of St. George's and Maple Leaf Lodges. After refreshments several able addresses were delivered by the acting Grand Master and other prominent members of the fraternity.

In September last, a copy of by-laws were read and adopted at a regular meeting of Seymour Lodge, No. 277, Port Dalhousie, said by-laws were approved and confirmed by the M.W. Grand Master, on the 26th day of October last, and on the 26th of April last, by a resolution past in Clifton Lodge, No. 254, Clifton, the ballot was altered from one to two black balls to exclude a candidate, which was also sanctioned by the M. W. Grand Master.

DISPENSATIONS.

In December last, I received a petition from W. Bro. Lucius S. Oille, praying for a dispensation to constitute a new Lodge in the town of St. Catharines, to be called Temple Lodge, accompanied by strong recommendations from St. George's and Maple Leaf Lodges, naming W. Bro. Lucius S. Oille, as first W. Master. After having examined the W. Brother as to his proficiency on Grand Lodge ritual, and finding him well-skilled in the art, I forwarded said petition to the M. W. Grand Master, who was pleased to grant the petitioners a dispensation.

The only dispensation granted by me during my term of office, was to enable the brethren of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 62, Caledonia, to appear in masonic regalia at a Pic-nic

on the celebration of St. John the Baptist, a cordial invitation having been extended by them to the Lodges surrounding them.

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

After visiting the various Lodges throughout my district, I am pleased to be able to report them in a prosperous condition and mostly presided over by competent W. Masters and officers, my only regret is, that up to the present time, or more particularly up to the time of making my official visits, that the majority of them have not been made acquainted or instructed in the proper method of working their Lodges, not having adopted the usual custom of previously notifying the several Lodges, so as to enable the secretary to embody such notice of my official visit in their regular summons, placed me in a better position for acquiring a true state of the method of working their Lodges, and in every instance but one, there have been one or more of the three degrees conferred in my presence, and for the benefit of the officers whenever an opportunity has been afforded me, I have requested them to meet me in their Lodge room next morning in order to review the work of the evening, when I have made such corrections as I deemed necessary to accomplish a more uniform system of working Lodges throughout my district, and in every instance they have shown a willing desire to be instructed, for which I have received their kind acknowledgments.

HARMONY.

No other proof is needed as a guarantee of the amount of harmony and brotherly love displayed throughout my district than that of being able to state, I have not had one single appeal from any Lodge now working under warrant from this Grand Lodge. The only case which has been brought under my notice emanates from Temple Lodge, St. Catharines, under dispensation, setting forth certain irregularities said to be practiced therein. As it will be fully discussed at this sitting of Grand Lodge, I need not make any further mention in this report, trusting that a satisfactory adjustment to both contending parties may be arrived at.

INSTALLATIONS.

On the celebration of the festival of St. John the Evangelist, I had the honor of installing Bro. G. Walker, W. Master of Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, after which ceremony the brethren repaired to Bro. B. Rodger's Hotel, where a very nice spread was in waiting for them. Also on the festival of St. John the Baptist, I had the pleasure of installing W. Bro. William Forbes, W. Master of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, for the ensuing masonic year, being the fourth year in succession he has been placed in the Oriental Chair of that Lodge, which fully corroborates the high estimation in which he is held by the brethren of that my mother Lodge, over which I had the honor of presiding for three consecutive years.

LODGE FURNITURE.

In making my visits to the several Lodges, I found in many instances a want of the proper Lodge Furniture and implements, no less than six Lodges were without a common Gavel and other Lodge requirements, which deficiencies I at once advised to be met at their earliest convenience.

OBITUARY.

During the present year two masonic funerals have been reported to me, viz., that of Bro. John McCurrach, member of Union Lodge, No. 7, Grimsby, also of Ivy Lodge, No. 115, Beamsville, in which last named Lodge he was Senior Warden. He was instantly killed on the Toronto Branch of the Great Western Railway, being one of the employees, his mangled remains were conveyed to his home at a time when his wife and family were about joining him in Toronto. He was buried in Hamilton with masonic ceremonies by our R.W. Bro. T. B. Harris, his memory will be long cherished by the members of both Lodges. The other report was that of Bro. Captain Kelly, member of Seymour Lodge, Port Dalhousie. At the request of the W. Master, I performed the last masonic rights over the remains of our departed brother.

LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

At the request of many brethren when on my official visits, I fully intended holding a Lodge of Instruction in the

town of St. Catharines, in April last, but owing to circumstances over which I had no control, I was compelled to abandon it, of which fact some of the delegates present are already aware, and from my experience during my official visits, I do most earnestly urge the necessity of holding a Lodge of Instruction by the D. D. G. M. for the ensuing year for this district, between the closing and opening of navigation as the most fitting time, and the best method of obtaining a uniformity of the working of Lodges, being fully aware that such Lodge of Instruction would be well attended by the anxiety expressed by the brethren during my official visits.

REMARKS.

Before closing this my first report, I feel it a duty I owe to some particular Lodges in my district, to make special mention for the correct method of working their Lodges and carefully recorded minutes, but not wishing to wound the feelings of the officers of those Lodges who are not enjoying so good a system of discipline, although just as anxious to do right, I will forbear, trusting those whom I know to be most especially deserving, will remain content with such congratulations as expressed by me when officially visiting them.

In closing this my first annual report as D. D. G. Master, I must tender my thanks to M. W. P. Grand Master Seymour for his company on several occasions when visiting Lodges, as also to Grand Secretary R. W. Bro. T. B. Harris, for the prompt and kind manner he has answered all enquires and communications, and lastly to those brethren who conferred upon me the responsible office I have so feebly filled during the past year, as also for the courteous and brotherly manner I have been received by officers and brethren when officially visiting them at their Lodges.

All of which is most respectfully submitted.

ROBERT KEMP,
D. D. G. M., Niagara District.

July 5th, 1873.

TORONTO DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. and A. M. of Canada.

I beg to submit the following report of my proceedings, and the state of Masonry in the Toronto district.

There are now thirty-five Lodges in this District, and I have visited all of them during the past year. I am happy to state that, with but two exceptions, all these Lodges are working well.

On October 30th, 1872, Seven Star Lodge, No. 285, at Alliston, was formally opened and constituted. I was unable through illness to be present, but the ceremonies were properly conducted by W. Bro. W. R. Jamison, P. M. of Manitoba Lodge, No. 236, who kindly acted for me on that occasion.

On December 10th, 1872, I constituted Thorne Lodge, No. 281, at Holland Landing.

The M. W. Grand Master having been pleased to issue a dispensation for a new Lodge at the village of Nobleton, to be called Robertson Lodge, I attended on the 26th February last and opened the Lodge. From their proceedings since and their favorable prospects, I have no hesitation in recommending that a warrant be granted by Grand Lodge to these brethren.

I received a petition for a new Lodge at Camilla, but the result of my enquiries as to its prospects was not sufficiently favorable to induce me to recommend it.

During the year I have granted nine dispensations for festivals and public processions.

Only two Masonic funerals have been reported to me—that of Bro. James Berry, of St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 16, on the 8th February, 1873, and that of R. W. Bro. A. DeGrassi, P. D. D. G. M., of St. John's Lodge, No. 75, on the 13th May, 1873. R. W. Bro. DeGrassi was D. D. G. M. of this District for four years, 1862, 1863, 1865 and 1866. He was well known and deservedly esteemed as an able and zealous Mason, and his death will be deeply lamented and regretted.

I have made a number of decisions, but none of sufficient importance to be particularly mentioned here.

The correspondence of the office has been varied and extensive, but I have endeavored to answer all communications not later than the day after their receipt.

In my official visits I have been received with the greatest kindness and courtesy by the brethren, and I am satisfied that Masonry in the Toronto District is in a most flourishing condition, and that the brethren have reason to congratulate themselves on their present prosperity.

All of which is fraternally submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Collingwood, July 7, 1873.

D. D. G. M., Toronto District.

ONTARIO DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.

In compliance with the Constitution, I have the pleasure to report that Masonry is in a most prosperous and flourishing condition throughout Ontario District.

Owing to the large range of country over which the District extends, I regret that I have been unable to visit all the Lodges in the District; but, with two exceptions, I have visited every Lodge which could be reached by railway, and, in addition, have on several occasions met the officers of the other Lodges, and from personal observation and enquiries made I believe that the work of Grand Lodge is performed as efficiently and perfectly as it has ever before been done in the District.

During the months of January and February last I held a Lodge of Instruction at Port Hope every Friday, to which I invited, by circular, the officers and members of all the Lodges in the District, the meeting being well attended, especially by the two Lodges in that town, and the officers and members of those Lodges, as well as the officers and members of other Lodges represented on those occasions, derived great benefit therefrom.

On the 19th, 20th and 21st March last I held a General Lodge of Instruction at Port Hope, which was in all respects a great success, especially in point of attendance—every Lodge in the District, with one or two exceptions, being represented by one or more of its principal officers, the register bearing the signatures of exactly one hundred brethren. The meeting was an exceedingly pleasant one, and I trust that those who attended with the view of perfecting themselves in the work were amply benefitted to recompense them for their time and trouble. I was ably assisted on that occasion by R. W. Bro. J. Wright, R. W. Bro. Dr. Kincaid (both P. D. D. G. Masters of Ontario District), V. W. Brother John Boyd, and many other well skilled brethren, to whom I tender my warmest thanks for their services.

On the 21st May last I held a Lodge of Instruction at Whitby, and on the 26th of same month I also held one at Oshawa, both of which were well attended, many of the officers in the western section of the District availing themselves of the opportunity to correct their work where defective. At those meetings the three degrees were fully demonstrated, in which I was assisted by V. W. Bro. John Boyd, W. Bro. P. Taylor, W. Bro. Geo. Hopkins, and others; and I am satisfied the meetings were productive of much good towards securing uniformity of work in the Lodges.

But few cases of complaint have been brought before me during the year. Of these, all but one have been, at my suggestion, privately adjusted to the satisfaction of all concerned. As no similar private arrangement could be come to as to the one referred to, it was laid before the M. W. the Grand Master, in conformity with the provisions of the Constitution in that behalf, who referred the same to me for investigation. This I did in the presence of W. Bros. Boyd and Taylor, of Oshawa, and reported to the Grand Master my opinion thereon.

I have issued during the past year, at the request of the Lodges named, two dispensations to wear regalia in public

on the following occasions, viz.: to Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon, to attend Divine Service on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist; and to Durham Lodge, Newcastle, for the purpose of attending their Annual Festival.

Upon the application of the Lodge, and after due investigation, I consented to the removal of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, from the village of Prince Albert to the village of Port Perry—which change, I believe, will be of advantage to the Lodge and the craft. I regret to say this Lodge suffered a heavy loss in the destruction of its hall and contents by fire. But I am pleased to say that the consequent suspension of work was extremely brief; the M. W. the Grand Master, on being applied to, having immediately ordered a duplicate warrant to be issued, under which the Lodge is again flourishing.

The increase in the number of members of the Lodges in the District during the past year is a gratifying indication of the high estimation in which the craft is held by the public.

The Lodges throughout the District are, I believe, in a prosperous condition financially and otherwise, and well provided with suitable halls appropriately, and in some instances handsomely, furnished and decorated. I have found the brethren warm and enthusiastic in the cause of Masonry, as evinced by the large attendance at the regular and emergent meetings of their respective Lodges.

After careful inquiry, I have learned of but few brethren requiring Grand Lodge aid. Still, some cases have been brought to my notice which I shall lay at length before the Board of General Purposes. The position, however, of one Lodge in particular, viz., United Lodge, No. 91, Brighton, is so peculiarly unfortunate that I deem it necessary to call attention of Grand Lodge to it—in order, if possible, to relieve the Lodge, partially at least, from its burdens. This Lodge has been supporting, for some five years, two brethren who, from old age and infirmities, have been utterly unable to do anything towards their own support. The Lodge has

during the past winter paid these brethren \$3 each per week, and has also supplied them with firewood, besides the brethren frequently contributing sums of money for their relief. This constant heavy drain upon its resources has made the Lodge poor, and it is consequently unable to procure the usual requisites for Lodge purposes. I would, therefore, respectfully ask for these brethren a larger grant from the benevolent fund of Grand Lodge than has heretofore been given them.

It is with feelings of deep regret I announce to Grand Lodge the death of our late W. Bro. Hon. Asa A. Burnham, a member of the Senate of Canada, and a Past Master of St. John's Lodge, No. 17, Cobourg. For over twenty years he evinced a warm interest in the labors of the craft, and was at all times zealous and active in advancing its interests; and when at last summoned by the G. A. O. T. U., one of his last requests was that his remains should be accompanied to the grave by the members of our Order. It is also my melancholy duty to report the death of Bro. John Whitelaw, of St. John's Lodge, Cobourg; and Bro. W. H. Paton, of Peterborough Lodge, No. 155, Peterborough, both of whom were held in high esteem by the members of their respective Lodges and the people of the towns in which they resided.

I cannot close my report without expressing my gratification at the satisfactory and harmonious feeling existing between the members of the several Lodges, as also between the Lodges themselves in this district; and I desire to express my warmest thanks to W. Bro. E. Peplow, Jr., who has very efficiently discharged the duties of District Secretary during the year; to Bro. Chas. Doeblor, of Port Hope (a young Mason who has frequently rendered me valuable assistance), and to the officers and members of the Lodges throughout the District for the kind and courteous treatment extended to me on all occasions.

I deem it my duty, in the interests of the craft, to recommend—as my predecessor did—the division of Ontario District, or a re-organization of the various Districts, believing

that, as at present constituted, it is far too large for any District Deputy Grand Master to efficiently discharge the duties of his office, either with entire satisfaction to himself or to the large number of Lodges in the District.

I append a tabular statement showing the membership of the several Lodges, and the work of each during the year, to which I would invite particular attention.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

J. B. TRAYES,
D. D. G. M., Ontario District.

Name of Lodge.	No.	Where Held.	No. of Members.	No. Initiated.	No. Passed.	No. Raised.	No. Rejected.	Total No. of Applications.	Remarks.
St. John's.....	17	Cobourg.....	64	10	12	11	9	19	
Ontario	26	Port Hope.....	47	2	1	2	3	5	
United	29	Brighton	44	3	2	2	0	3	
Composite	30	Whitby	57	2	3	3	3	6	
Jerusalem	31	Bowmanville.....	45	7	9	10	5	12	
Mount Zion.....	39	Brooklin	30	1	..	1	2	3	
Durham.....	66	Newcastle.....	42	7	7	6	1	8	
Faithful Brethren	77	Lindsay	35	4	2	2	4	8	
Colborne.....	91	Colborne.....	66	12	6	2	0	12	
Corinthian	101	Peterboro .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	No returns
Hope	114	Port Hope.....	55	1	1	1	3	4	
Golden Rule.....	126	Campbellford	40	2	2	2	2	4	
Lebanon	136	Oshawa .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	No returns
J. B. Hall	145	Millbrook	32	..	..	..	..	..	Incomplete
Hastings	150	Hastings.....	33	6	6	5	1	7	
Peterboro	155	Peterboro	44	7	7	7	1	8	
Percy	161	Warkworth	38	8	8	8	0	8	
Prince Albert....	183	Prince Albert....	57	10	6	4	2	12	
Norwood.....	223	Norwood.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	No returns
Verulam	268	Bobcaygeon.....	40	..	..	..	2	..	In P. & R. 22
Brougham Union.	269	Brougham.....	36	12	10	4	1	13	
Cedar	270	Oshawa	41	1	6	4	..	1	
Uxbridge.....	..	.....	3	2	2	2	1	..	No returns

PRINCE EDWARD DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

In accordance with the usage of Grand Lodge, I have much pleasure in submitting my report on the condition of Masonry in Prince Edward District.

I have constituted one Lodge, that of Mount Sinai, No. 280, Napanee, and am happy to state it is in a very flourishing condition.

I have granted a number of dispensations during the year, viz., Prince Arthur Lodge, No. 228, Odessa, Union Lodge, No. 9, Napanee, to appear in regalia on the festival of St. John the Evangelist; Eureka Lodge, No. 283, Belleville, to attend a festival clothed as Masons; and two others, one to Prince of Wales Lodge, to attend the funeral of Bro. John G. Hooper, and one to Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 280, Napanee, to attend the funeral of Bro. George A. Stevenson, lately deceased.

By permission of the M. W. the Grand Master, I acted for and represented him at the ceremony of laying the corner stone of the M. E. Church, in the village of Colebrook, May 15th, 1873.

I also received a dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master, empowering M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P.G.M. to lay with masonic ceremonies, the corner stone of St. Mary Magdalene Church, Napanee, on the 1st of July, 1873, at which ceremony a number of distinguished brethren from Kingston assisted.

The M. W. the Grand Master was pleased to grant a dispensation for a new Lodge, to be formed in the village of Centreville, for which I hope a warrant will be granted by this Grand Lodge.

The condition of Masonry in the district is one of prosperity, and with the exception of one or two complaints, one of peace and harmony.

All of which M.W. Sir and Bro. is respectfully submitted.

FRED. RICHARDSON,

D.D.G.M., Prince Edward District.

ST. LAWRENCE DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

As District Deputy Grand Master for the St. Lawrence District, I beg leave to submit the following report.

There are nineteen Lodges in the district, viz :

St. John's	Lodge, No. 3, Kingston.
Sussex	" " 5, Brockville.
Mount Zion	" " 28, Kemptville.
Mirickville	" " 55, Mirickville.
St. James	" " 74, Maitland.
Rising Sun	" " 85, Farmersville.
Cataraqui	" " 92, Kingston.
Albion	" " 109, Harrowsmith.
Central	" " 110, Prescott.
Cornwall	" " 125, Cornwall.
Excelsior	" " 142, Morrisburg.
Friendly Brothers	" " 143, Iroquois.
Simpson	" " 159, Newboro.
Leeds	" " 201, Gananoque.
Lancaster	" " 207, Lancaster.
Elysian	" " 212, Garden Island.
Macoy	" " 242, Escott.
Minden	" " 253, Kingston.
Farran's Point	" " 256, Farran's Point.

Each of which I have visited during my term of office.

I have found the Lodges generally presided over by skilful Masters, assisted by experienced workmen who knowing how to appreciate the ritual of Grand Lodge, take a pride in exemplifying the same for the benefit of the brethren.

While I find the number of members steadily on the increase, I am glad to be able to say that the brethren appear to be fully alive to the necessity of having the ballot box well guarded.

I granted permission to Leeds Lodge, No. 201, and Minden Lodge, No. 253, to appear clothed in masonic regalia on the festival of St. John the Baptist, and a like permission to Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, on the festivals of St. John the Evangelist and St. John the Baptist.

The differences existing amongst the brethren of Excelsior Lodge, No. 142, referred to in the report of my predecessor, have not yet been settled; and although that Lodge is now

presided over by our well-skilled, trusty, and oft-tried R. W. Bro. Macdonell, P. D. D. G. M., I fear that perfect harmony can only be restored by the withdrawal from the Lodge of some of the brethren whose names are now on its register.

A petition from several influential and worthy brethren residing in Morrisburgh, praying for a new Lodge, was presented to me, but as it was unaccompanied by the recommendation required by the Constitution, I sought advice from the M. W. the Grand Master, and have since placed the petition and all papers relating to the case in the hands of the Grand Secretary, believing that the matter can only be disposed of by Grand Lodge.

JAMES REYNOLDS,

Prescott, 5th July, 1873.

D. D. G. M., St. Lawrence District.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

In compliance with the requirements of the Constitution, the undersigned has the honor to submit his annual report.

The Lodges in the District now number twenty-three, all of which, with the exception of Aylmer Lodge, No. 138, are in good working order, the average attendance good, and the work very fairly carried out; but that uniformity of work, so desirable, can never be obtained without the appointment of a paid Lecturer, and I sincerely trust that Grand Lodge will soon make proper provision for the instruction of the brethren according to the ritual prescribed.

I am happy to state that the very best feeling has existed in my District during the past year, no complaints having been made to me. The Lodges are prospering and increasing in membership, the best evidence of contentment and prosperity being the many improvements that are being made in the Lodge rooms, the procuring of larger and more convenient rooms and new and suitable regalia, and increase in membership.

Among the events of interest that have transpired during the year, I have to record the visit of the M. W. the Grand

Master to Pembroke and Ottawa, for the purpose of dedicating the Lodge rooms at these places. The occasion of his visit was seized upon by the brethren to extend to him that welcome to which, not only as the *Grand Master*, but likewise as a *man*, he is so eminently entitled, and the memory of his visit is preserved as a most pleasing landmark in our community. R. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., Deputy Grand Master, assisted by His Excellency the Governor-General and a large assemblage of the craft, laid the cornerstone of the new Protestant Hospital in Ottawa on the 16th May, with Masonic ceremonies, and I am pleased at being able to report that His Excellency expressed himself as much impressed with the ceremonial, and regretted his not being a member of the "mystic tie."

On St. John's Day I dedicated the Lodge room recently obtained by the Evergreen Lodge, No. 209, at the village of Lanark, and the occasion was one of great interest. There was a large attendance from Perth, Carleton Place, &c. The brethren extended to myself and other visiting brethren the most bountiful hospitality, a choice *dejeuner* being laid in the Town Hall, at which a large number of the craft, honored with the presence of the ladies, sat down. A most agreeable time was spent, and I greatly regretted that an engagement elsewhere prevented me from participating in the good time enjoyed by the brethren.

In the evening of St. John's day a Masonic concert (at which I had the honor to preside) was held in the Lodge Room in Ottawa, the proceeds to be devoted to benevolence. It was well attended and passed off most successfully, and very great credit is due to W. Bro. Michaels, W. M. of Lodge of Fidelity, No. 231, for the carrying of the matter forward to such a successful issue.

M. W. Bro Rob. Morris delivered a lecture at several places within the District, and was greeted by large numbers of the brethren.

Another noteworthy incident was the visit of the brethren of Ogdensburg and Acacia Lodges, of Ogdensburg, to the

Builders' Lodge, No. 177, of Ottawa, wherein they exemplified a portion of the American work, whereby our brethren were enabled to contrast the working under the two rituals, and to derive certain knowledge which will be very useful to them when visiting American Lodges.

I have again to refer to the most unsatisfactory state of the relations between St. John's Lodge, I. R., of L'Original (formerly of Vankleek Hill) and the Plantagenet and Hawkesbury Lodges, C. R. In March I issued an edict among the Lodges under my jurisdiction to refuse admission to brethren hailing from St. John's Lodge until the matter had been settled by the Grand Lodge of Ireland, as years had passed and that Grand Lodge had treated our most earnest remonstrances with cool indifference; but the M. W. the Grand Master, having been written to by some one at Vankleek Hill, has seen fit summarily to revoke the order issued by me, and then to leave the matter in a worse condition than before. But as this question will be brought before Grand Lodge in a definite shape during the next session, I shall leave the matter to be more fully explained here.

The reaper Death has been busy, and a number of brethren have passed to their account. The following have been reported to me: Bro. Little, Fidelity, 231; Bro. H. Gough, Builders', 177; Bro. Kerr, Doric, 152; Bro. James, of Renfrew Lodge, 122; all of whom were interred with Masonic ceremonies. In Bro. Little's case, the brethren of Hawkesbury Lodge charged themselves with the care of the ceremonies, that brother having lost his life through a deplorable accident at Hawkesbury, and no time being afforded for communicating with his mother Lodge (Fidelity No. 231.)

I have again to tender my most sincere and heartfelt thanks to the brethren of the various Lodges in my District for their uniform kindness to me on all occasions, and for their very kind forbearance for all shortcomings, and that the G. A. O. T. U. may shower blessings upon them all is the most earnest wish of

EDWARD C. BARBER,
D. D. G. M., Ottawa District.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

To the M. W. the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Canada.

In presenting the following report on the condition of the craft under my supervision in this District, I have the pleasure to state that harmony prevails amongst the seven Lodges in this jurisdiction. With the exception of an appeal of Bro. Junior Warden, Lodge of Antiquity, against the ruling of the W. M., which appeal I sustained, there has been no irregularity or complaint brought under my notice.

I have visited all the Lodges, and find them working well and in accordance with the ritual of our Grand Lodge.

In the execution of my duties I had the honor of installing the officers of six Lodges on St. John's Day, having been ably assisted in the ceremonies by R. W. Bro. J. Urquhart.

The Lodge of Antiquity refusing to confirm the election of the W. M., made in December last, a new election was held in January, and in February I installed the officers.

I have granted two dispensations during the year, one to Mount Royal Lodge, No. 202, to hold their annual ball, the other to the six Canadian Lodges for a joint ball. Both of these events reflected great credit on the brethren.

The only death reported was Bro. John T. Eagan, of Mount Moriah Lodge, No. 226, who died on March 28th, and was buried with Masonic ceremonies by the members of his Lodge, W. Bro. McLean officiating.

In retiring from the office, I take this method of returning my warmest thanks to the brethren for the kind manner in which I have always been received by them.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

W. MACKENZIE,

D. D. G. M., Montreal District.

Montreal, 9th July, 1873.

MANITOBA DISTRICT.

Most Worshipful Grand Master, Officers and Brethren.

As District Deputy Grand Master for Manitoba District, I have the honor to submit my report for the year just ended.

It gives me great pleasure to be able to report that Masonry in this District is in a flourishing condition, and that Peace, Love and Harmony prevail.

There are only three working Lodges in the Province of Manitoba, consequently my duties have not been very onerous. Two of these Lodges are working under warrant from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and one is under dispensation.

Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 240, Winnipeg.

Lisgar " " 244, Lisgar.

Ancient Landmark Lodge, U. D., Winnipeg.

I regret that the Lodge at Portage La Prairie has not yet got into working order, but hope that such will soon be the case, as some good Masons from Ontario are settling in that neighborhood.

I have visited all these Lodges, officially and otherwise, during the year.

Prince Rupert Lodge, No. 240, Winnipeg.—This Lodge, the oldest in the Province, continues to make steady progress, not only by increasing the number of its members but, what is of more importance, by upholding and maintaining the fundamental principles on which our noble Order is founded. There are eighty names on the roll in good standing. Severe strains have been made on their finances, in consequence of sickness among their members and in assisting strangers.

Lisgar Lodge, No. 244, Lisgar.—Notwithstanding difficulties, this Lodge still continues to thrive and flourish. On account of the membership being so scattered, the Lodge being in a rural settlement, it sometimes becomes very difficult to hold meetings, but I am glad to say that all these difficulties have only had the effect of increasing their zeal and love for Masonry. Under such experienced Masons as W. Bro. Black, their first W. M., and others, I have no fear for them. As the country becomes more thickly settled, additions have been made of good men and true, both by initiation and affiliation. Their Lodge room is very comfortably

fitted up, although not very large. I had the pleasure, on last St. John's day, with the assistance of W. Bros. Black and Henderson, of installing and investing their officers.

Ancient Landmark Lodge, U. D., Winnipeg.—This Lodge makes the second in the town. It received its dispensation from the M. W. the Grand Master shortly after the last meeting of Grand Lodge. Under the mastership of W. Bro. Henderson, an experienced Mason, it has increased very much in numbers, and, like the other Lodges, is closely observing the ritual of Grand Lodge. I would recommend that a warrant be granted to this Lodge.

I am happy to report that the Lodges in this District have purchased a suitable regalia for the D. D. G. M.

Both the Lodges in Winnipeg meet in the same room, which at considerable cost to the brethren they have neatly and suitably fitted up.

A general feeling is expressed by all the Lodges in the District that the present unhappy difficulty between the Grand Lodge of Canada and the Grand Lodge of Quebec (so called) should be amicably settled if possible, and that all means consistent with the dignity of Grand Lodge should be taken to secure that much-desired object.

It is my melancholy duty to report the death of one of our members, late Secretary of Prince Rupert Lodge, Bro. Geo. W. Webster, formerly of Wellington county, Ontario. Notwithstanding the greatest care and attention on the part of the brethren, some of them his intimate friends in his former home, he was taken from us, and we now mourn our loss—hoping, however, that it is his gain. May we meet him in the Grand Lodge above.

During the year my opinion and decision has been asked on different questions by the brethren, all of which I endeavored to explain to the best of my ability and in harmony with the Constitution of Grand Lodge.

I take this opportunity of thanking the officers and brethren of the Lodges in the District for the uniform kindness and courtesy I have received at their hands.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

WM. N. KENNEDY,

Winnipeg, June 24, 1873.

D. D. G. M., Manitoba District.

The foregoing Reports were referred to the Board of General Purposes, to report thereon to this Grand Lodge.

The M. W. Grand Master read the following letter, which was received and directed to be entered in the proceedings :

JERUSALEM, May 19th, 1873.

W. M. WILSON, Esq., G. M. OF GRAND LODGE OF CANADA :

DEAR SIR AND M. W. BRO.,—I have the honor to report to you that "Royal Solomon Mother Lodge at Jerusalem, No. 293, was regularly constituted on Wednesday the 7th inst.

Fraternally and truly yours,

JOHN SHEVILLE.

P. S.—By direction of Bro. Morris I enclose you an Olive leaf plucked from one of the trees in the Garden of Gethsemane.—J. S.

R. W. Bro. T. White, Jr., President of the Board of General Purposes, submitted and read the following

ANNUAL REPORT.

The Board of General Purposes has the honor to report that its annual meeting was held in the city of Toronto on the 4th day of February last.

The books of the Grand Secretary and the Grand Treasurer, together with the accounts, statements and vouchers, for the financial year ending 31st December, 1872, were submitted and carefully examined, and the Board has pleasure in stating that they were found to be in every particular correct. The following is a statement of the finances of Grand Lodge at that date :

The receipts by the Grand Secretary for the past year amount to \$11,698.55, derived from the following sources :

Certificates.....	\$2,968 00
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Dues.....	5,309 99
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Fees.....	1,971 50
Dispensations.....	576 00
Warrants.....	230 00
Constitutions	596 56
Proceedings.....	46 50
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	\$11,698 55

The amounts at the credit of Grand Lodge, as per the Grand Treasurer's statement, are as follows:

General Fund.....	\$29,988 06
Benevolence Fund, investment acct....	12,468 81
" " current acct.....	1,357 34
Asylum Fund.....	6,002 66
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	\$49,816 87

That the funds belonging to this Grand Lodge are invested as follows:

Dominion stock, bearing 6 per cent....	\$28,800 00
" " " 5 per cent....	10,000 00
Debentures, County of Middlesex.....	1,600 00
Bank of Toronto, bal. July 1,	
1872.....	\$1,058 66
Bank of Toronto, interest on	
Dominion stock accrued...	144 00
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	1,202 66
Canadian Bank of Commerce	8,214 21
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	\$49,816 87

The expenditure for the year 1872 amounted to \$8,618.29, of which sum \$3,884.66 was for transfers to the Benevolent Fund (including the sum of \$250 in aid of the sufferers by the Franco-Prussian war.) A detailed statement of the expenditure has already been submitted to the Board.

The Board authorized the payment of the following accounts:

Lawson, McCulloch & Co., Grand Lodge	
proceedings, &c.....	\$382 88
Lawson, McCulloch & Co., Constitutions...	277 00

Copp, Clark & Co., certificates, &c.....	327 00
Assistance in Grand Secretary's office.....	325 00
W. Bruce, engrossing.....	43 19
R. Haigh, blank books.....	37 00
T. & R. White, Grand Lodge seal and electrotyping	10 50
Duncan, Stewart & Co., blank book.....	2 05
W. W. Summers, repairs.....	5 25
M. Howles, tin case.....	5 25
Grand Secretary, bal. of postage acct	17 77
Grand Master, postage, telegrams, &c.....	21 00
Grand Treasurer, postage	3 73

\$1,457 62

The Board recommend that the Grand Secretary be allowed to draw to cover payments of paper for reprinting proceedings, as the same may be required, amounting in gross to \$1,350.

The Board recommend that in future all orders for benevolence be endorsed by the party to whom the grant is made, in addition to the endorsement of the Brother through whom the payment is made.

The Board has much pleasure in reporting, for the information of Grand Lodge, that the amount contributed towards the relief of our brethren in Chicago has been much in excess of the sum required; and the Masonic Board of Relief of that city having returned to this Grand Lodge the sum of \$872.84, to be apportioned among the contributors to the fund, the Board recommend its division as follows:

Grand Lodge, Benevolence Fund.....	\$485 63
Toronto Lodges, through A. R. Boswell...	169 64
Wellington District, P.D.D.G.M.....	182 73
Wilson " P. J. Brown.....	34 84

(The parties through whom the donations were made.)

\$872 84

The Board has also to recommend that in consideration of the great services rendered to Masonry by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, especially in connection with the funds of Benevolence, in preparing with great labor and care a record of

the various grants made, and an abstract of the particulars in the case of each appliance for relief, a silver mantle ornament, with some emblem of benevolence, be presented to him, and that the Grand Master be requested to name a committee to procure the same.

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board has had under consideration several applications for relief, and, after due consideration, made the following appropriations, to be paid from the funds of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz. :

No.	Applicant.	Sum allowed.	Payable through.
1	Mrs. L. J.....	\$ 50	M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson.
2	Miss P.....	25	" " "
3	Bro. W.....	40	R. W. " J. Wright.
4	Mrs. C.....	25	" " J. B. Bickell.
5	Orphans of late Bro. B.....	20	W. " John R. Leggo.
6	Bro. B.....	30	R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber.
7	Bro. I.....	40	W. M. New Dominion, No. 205.
8	Mrs. McI.....	20	" Kilwinning, " 64.
9	Mrs. M.....	20	" Thistle, " 250.
10	Mrs. B.....	20	" Plattsville, " 178.
11	Bro. R.....	30	" Tuscan, " 99.
12	Mrs. K.....	20	R. W. Bro. F. Westlake.
13	Mrs. B.....	25	W. M. St. John's, " 40.
14	Mrs. G.....	25	" St. George's, " 42.
15	Mrs. T.....	25	" " " "
16	Mrs. T.....	20	R. W. Bro. J. Milne.
17	Mrs. C.....	20	" " Thomas White. jr.
18	Mrs. A.....	25	" " P. J. Brown.
19	Mrs. H.....	25	" " Allan McLean.
20	Bro. C.....	25	" " " "
21	Mrs. B.....	20	" " W. H. Weller.
22	Bro. P.....	30	" " J. Bain.
23	Mrs. G.....	20	" " J. E. Brooke.
24	Mrs. S.....	20	" " " "
25	Mrs. W.....	20	W. M. Composite, No. 30.
26	Bro. T.....	20	" Brant, " 45.
27	Bro. S.....	20	" Doric, " 121.
28	Mrs. C.....	20	J. J. Mason, P. M. Strict Obser.
29	Mrs. S.....	20	" " " "
30	Mrs. Q.....	20	" " " "
31	Mrs. W.....	20	" " " "

32 Mrs. D.....	20	J. J. Mason, P. M., Striet
33 Hamilton Board of Relief.....	50	" " "
34 Bro. B.	20	R. W. Bro. J. Bain.
35 Bro. B.....	20	" " "
36 Bro. M.....	20	" " "
37 Mrs. D.....	20	" " "
38 Mrs. H	20	" " "
39 Mrs. McD.....	25	M. W. " W. B. Simpson.
40 Bro. M.....	25	W. M. King Solomon, No. 43.
41 Toronto Board of Relief.....	50	R. W. Bro. J. Bain.
42 Mrs. S	25	M. W. " A. Bernard.
43 Board of Relief of Montreal.....	50	R. W. " Mackenzie.
44 Mrs. C.....	20	" " F. Westlake.
45 Bro. S.....	40	" " G. Levin.
46 Mrs. F.....	25	" " P. J. Brown.
47 Bro. T.....	25	" " R. Kincaid.
48 London Board of Relief.....	40	" " F. Westlake.
49 Ottawa Board of Relief.....	40	" " E. C. Barber.
50 Kingston Board of Relief.....	40	" " A. S. Kirkpatrick.

\$1,335

The Board rejected the application on behalf of Mrs. O——, because by an error she obtained two grants, viz., \$40 and \$50 last July. On behalf of Mrs. J——, because there is no report received that she is in need; the last grant being to help her to pay for the last instalment of the land bought by her husband. On behalf of Tudor Lodge, No. 141, because it would not be a good precedent to refund a Lodge the funeral expenses of a deceased brother, and a grant of \$50 having been made last July to Bro. D——. The Board would also strongly recommend to brethren desirous of making application to the Board upon the Funds of Benevolence, that those applications be always accompanied with sufficient information regarding the party for whom aid is solicited, in order to arrive at an intelligent decision on the subject.

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

A charge of partial and improper conduct against the W. M. of Filius Viduæ Lodge, No. 189, was brought before the Board, and referred back to the D.D.G.M. for inquiry and report. Subsequently the Grand Secretary has received the following resolution, carried unanimously in the Lodge, which, they assume, may be held as disposing of the matter:

"Moved by Bro. J. B. Galt, seconded by Bro. J. C. Chamberlin, P. M., and

"RESOLVED,—That this Filius Viduæ Lodge, No. 189, G. R. C., after having heard the letter of complaint of Bros. Walson and Murdoch, say that the said Brothers have no ground for complaint, and that this Lodge has every confidence in the honor and integrity of R. W. Bro. E. H. Smith, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Grand Secretary.—Carried unanimously."

In relation to the case of R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck, the following resolution was passed, after the reading of a letter from Bro. Franck:

That the communication of R. W. Bro. Franck having been read and received, the Board is of opinion that there is nothing in the defence put in to alter the decision of Grand Lodge, and recommend, therefore, that the said Bro. Franck be expelled from the Craft at the next meeting of Grand Lodge.

R. W. Bro. Franck is therefore recommended to Grand Lodge for expulsion from the craft.

CONSTITUTION AND REGULATIONS.

Amity Lodge, No. 32, Dunnville.—The Board is of opinion that the effect of clause 21, under the head of "Private Lodges," in the Book of Constitution, is to render it *imperative* on a Lodge to restore a brother who has been suspended for non-payment of dues, on payment of "all arrears owing at the time of his suspension," with the "regular Lodge dues for period he was so suspended;" in other words, that, by the *act of payment*, the brother becomes again a member of the Lodge in good standing, without any formal action on the part of the Lodge, but that this provision does not prevent the Lodge from accepting a less sum if it should see fit to do so. The Board, therefore, holds that though it is a power

which should be cautiously exercised, there is nothing in the Constitution of Grand Lodge or the usages of Masonry to prevent Amity Lodge from remitting the dues accrued during the period of suspension, and restoring a brother to good standing on payment of the arrears due at the date of his suspension. The Board desires it to be distinctly understood that, in all cases of restoration of brethren, the Lodge is responsible to Grand Lodge for the Grand Lodge dues which accrue during the period of suspension.

In reference to the petition of a number of brethren of Orillia for a dispensation to form a new Lodge there, the Board is of opinion that it has no power to deal with the case. In the absence of a recommendation from the nearest Lodge, it must be reserved for the pleasure of Grand Lodge.

Dalhousie Lodge, No. 52, Ottawa.—In this case, the papers relating to the action of this Lodge in the matter of the complaint of Bro. St. Hill against Bro. Smith, which were sent to the Grand Secretary in England while the Lodge was working under its English warrant, were merely transmitted to this Grand Lodge through R. W. Bro. Sir John A. Macdonald, after the Lodge had surrendered its English warrant. No appeal from the decision of the M. W. the Grand Master of England appears, by the papers received, to have been made; and as the term of suspension has expired, and no further action in the matter is demanded by either party, this Board does not deem it necessary to offer any opinion on the proceedings taken.

St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, London.—The Board finds, from the statements of brethren and an examination of the minute books of the Lodge, that W. Bro. O'Connor withdrew from the Lodge and took his dimit on the 19th May, 1869, while it was working under the Grand Lodge of Ireland. At its first meeting after joining this Grand Lodge (21st August, 1872), W. Bro. O'Connor personally applied in Lodge to be reinstated, when it was moved and seconded that he be admitted a member, and, no objection having been made, the motion was declared carried,—no ballot was passed, nor

was a formal vote taken. Bro. O'Connor paid the affiliation fee, and has since paid his dues up to last St. John's day. At the next meeting, before the minutes were confirmed, one of the brethren made some objections to the vote at the previous meeting, but made no formal protest, and there is some difference among the brethren as to the extent to which he pressed his objection. After this, Bro. O'Connor sat and voted in the Lodge without formal objection. On the 18th December, 1872, he was elected Master, the ballot having been passed twice before a clear majority was obtained. On the 24th Bro. Morden made a formal protest to the D. D. G. M. against the installation of W. Bro. O'Connor, on the ground that he was not a member of the Lodge, no ballot having been taken, and no notice of application having been sent to the members, as required by the Constitution. The D. D. G. M. (R. W. Bro. Westlake) at first intended to defer the installation of W. Bro. O'Connor until he could communicate with the Grand Master, but on the 26th he received a telegram, sent in answer to a communication from the Secretary of the Lodge, authorizing him (the D. D. G. M.) to proceed, and on the 27th he installed Bro. O'Connor as Master of the Lodge. On a further representation to the Grand Master, he sent a further telegram to R. W. Bro. Westlake rescinding the authorization contained in the first telegram, but this was not received until after the ceremony had been performed. Bro. O'Connor was previously a Past Master, having been Master of the Lodge while working under its Irish warrant.

Under these circumstances, the Board is of opinion that W. Bro. O'Connor has not been regularly elected, and is not now a member of the Lodge; that he was not, at the time of election, eligible for office in the Lodge, and consequently that his installation as Master was null and void; and that the fees and dues paid by Bro. O'Connor should be returned to him, and a proper application made, notice to the brethren given, and ballot taken, if he desires membership in the Lodge.

The Board regrets to find, from the evidence, that the Lodge has been exceedingly lax in its mode of admitting members, and has failed to comply with the requirements of its own by-laws or the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ireland (under which it formerly worked), or of this Grand Lodge, all of which require the ballot to be passed, and notice of application for membership to be sent to all the members. The Board trusts that the attention of the brethren having been called to this matter, the Lodge will be more careful in the future.

King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22, Toronto.—In this case Bro. Sargant, while S. W. of the Lodge, tendered his resignation and applied for a certificate of withdrawal by letter, of which the following is a copy :

"TORONTO, 12th April, 1870.

"D. McLELLAN, *Esq.*, W. M. *King Solomon's Lodge, No. 22* :

"DEAR SIR AND V. W. BRO,—I will thank you to have the Secretary of the Lodge furnish me with the amount of my dues ; also arrange during the coming week to appoint some one in my place as acting Treasurer. And as I cannot, by reason of my office, constitutionally ask for any dimit till the expiration of my present term of office, I presume it will be necessary for you to place the matter before the Lodge this evening and, if they deem fit, grant me my dimit at once. *I may mention that I have good and sufficient reasons for acting in the manner I do.* Trusting you will attend to the matter at once,

"I remain fraternally yours,

[Signed]

"THOMAS SARGANT."

The dimit was granted at the regular meeting of the Lodge in April, 1870, before the expiration of his term of office, and was issued to Bro. Sargant. In July, 1870, Bro. Sargant applied for admission, as a joining member, to St. John's Lodge, and on the 9th of March and 13th of April, 1871, to King Solomon's Lodge, but was on each occasion rejected. In the petitions he described himself as "late a member" of King Solomon's Lodge. The petitions were in the usual form, and promised obedience, &c., "if admitted among you." On the 14th December, 1871, Bro. Sargant attended the King Solomon's Lodge, claimed membership on the ground that the Lodge could not accept his resigna-

tion while S. W., and tendered the amount of his dues. The acting W. M. ruled that he was still a member of the Lodge, and directed the Secretary to receive all arrears of dues from him. Bro. Purvis, the J. W., appealed from this ruling to the D. D. G. M., R. W. Bro. Kerr. After considering the case, Bro. Kerr decided against the ruling of the acting W. M., and held that Bro. Sargant was not a member of King Solomon's Lodge. From this decision the present W. M., R. W. Bro. Spry, has appealed to the Grand Master, who has referred the matter to this Board for decision.

The Board is of opinion that the action of the Lodge, viewed in the light of the peculiar wording of Bro. Sargant's letter, may be regarded in effect (though not technically so worded) as a removal for sufficient cause under clause 9, "Of Masters and Wardens of Lodges." Bro. Sargant says in his letter, "I have good and sufficient reasons for acting in the manner I do," and his masonic word contained in an official letter seems to have been taken as a "sufficient cause" without further investigation. The Board is further of opinion that if the action of the Lodge could not be sustained as a removal from office for cause, and a withdrawal from membership conjointly with the removal, Bro. Sargant is, by his own acts after his year of office had expired, estopped by every principle of law and equity from claiming membership in the Lodge. His application was to be allowed to retire either then or as soon as he could legally do so. The Lodge acted upon the application at once. The Board does not at present decide whether the Lodge had the right, under the Constitution, to accept the resignation of a member while in office as S. W., but the application was made and the Lodge did in fact accept it. If it did wrong, the Lodge rendered itself liable to censure, but the act was not a nullity any more than the irregular initiation of a candidate without sending the prescribed notices, etc., would be a nullity; and it may be regarded, when combined with the wording of the application and the acts both of the Lodge and Bro. Sargant after his year of office had expired, as a withdrawal at any rate from the

date when it could legally be done. The Lodge had clearly, by its action, deprived itself of the power of suspending Bro. Sargant for non-payment of dues; and he, by applying again for membership, describing himself as "late a member" of the Lodge, and promising obedience "if admitted," in like manner estopped himself from afterwards claiming the privileges of membership.

For these reasons, the Board is of opinion that the ruling of R. W. Kerr should be sustained.

Plantagenet Lodge.—The complaint of Plantagenet Lodge, No. 186, against St. John's Lodge, No. 159, I. R., having again come before the Board, R. W. Bro. Kivas Tully, the representative of the Grand Lodge of Ireland in the Grand Lodge of Canada, stated that the Grand Lodge of Ireland had forwarded a reply to our remonstrance through our representative there, R. W. Bro. Mackay, but that he had not received such reply. The Grand Secretary was accordingly directed to write to the Grand Lodge of Ireland, through our representative, asking to be furnished with a copy of their decision in the matter.

Lodge at Levuka, Fiji.—In reference to the formation of a Masonic Lodge at Levuka, Fiji, referred to the Board at the last Communication of Grand Lodge, the Board has to report that the Grand Secretary addressed a letter to W. Bro. Paton, which was deemed sufficient and satisfactory, and it was not considered necessary that any further action should be taken on the subject until such time as further information should be received. The substance of the Grand Secretary's letter was, that until more satisfactory statements are made in relation to the formation of the Lodge, the Grand Lodge of Canada would not feel warranted in extending recognition to it. No further letter or information has since been received.

Denver Lodge, Denver.—A letter was received from the W.M. of Denver Lodge, Denver, Colorado, stating that the Lodge upon authority from Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, had incurred the expenses of the funeral of the late Bro.

Northrup, a Past Senior Warden and Treasurer of the latter Lodge, and that the said Lodge at Almonte had neglected to reimburse Denver Lodge for the expenses thus incurred. The subject was left over, with the view of obtaining full particulars from Mississippi Lodge. Such explanations, with further correspondence from Denver Lodge, have since been received, and will form the subject of action by the Board at its present session.

Grand Lodge of Nevada.—The Grand Secretary submitted a number of letters and documents having reference to a misunderstanding with the Grand Lodge of Nevada, which had resulted from the initiation of a S. W. Craig by Cornwall Lodge, No. 125, who was claimed to be, at the time of his said initiation, within the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Nevada. The Board, having examined the documents, came to the conclusion of leaving the question in the hands of the President of the Board and the Grand Secretary, and it has pleasure in announcing that all misunderstanding has been removed, as will appear from the following letter:

OFFICE GRAND MASTER OF MASONS IN NEVADA, }
VIRGINIA, Nevada, Feb. 17, 1873. }

R. W. BRO. THOMAS B. HARRIS, *Grand Secretary, Grand Lodge of Canada,*
Hamilton, Ont. :

R. W. SIR AND BRO. : Your favor Feb. 6 received. The receipt of the same has given me much pleasure, as it removes all cause of contro^lversy or unpleasant feeling between the two Grand bodies.

I will at once issue a circular letter to the Lodges of this jurisdiction, announcing that by their own limitation both resolutions of 1871 and 1872 have ceased and determined, and that they are not any longer of effect, but null and void.

At our next Grand Communication proper action will be taken in reference to the resolution of 1871. As it is impossible to expunge, we will have to adopt a receding resolution, which will amount to the same thing in fact.

Yours respectfully and fraternally,

WM. M. VANBOKKELEN, Grand Master.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS WHITE, Jr.

President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Wm. Mackenzie, and

RESOLVED,—That the annual report of the Board be received.

R. W. Bro. T. White, Jr., on behalf of the Board submitted and read the following semi-annual report on

AUDIT AND FINANCE.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report as follows:

That the receipts for the half year ending June 30th, 1873, amount to \$7,539.08.

The Grand Treasurer's statement is as follows:

ASSETS.

Dominion Stock, at 6 per cent.,	\$28,800
“ “ at 5 per cent.,	10,000 38,800 00
County of Middlesex Debentures.....	1,600 00
Cash in Bank of Commerce.....	11,725 24
Bank of Toronto, at Toronto.....	1,393 66
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	\$53,518 90

Representing the following balances at the credit of the various accounts in the books at the Grand Lodge:

General Fund.....	\$32,229 45
Asylum Fund.....	6,193 66
Benevolent Fund, invested account.....	13,725 95
Benevolent Fund, current	1,369 84
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	\$53,518 90

The Committee recommend payment of the following accounts, viz.:

Copp, Clark & Co., printing and certificates.....	\$165 75
Lawson, McCulloch & Co., printing.....	131 00
Buntin, Gillies & Co., stationery.....	19 33
Lash & Co., regalia.....	50 00
Chairman Foreign Correspondence, preparing report.....	50 00

Incidental Expenses, Grand Master.....	9 50
“ “ Pres. B. of G. P. 2yrs.	10 00
Grand Secretary attending Board and	
Grand Lodge meetings	30 66
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	\$466 24

The Grand Lodge having authorized the re-printing of the proceedings from the commencement, recommend that the President of the Board be empowered to draw upon the Grand Treasurer from time to time, such amounts as may be necessary to carry on the work.

The Board also beg to draw attention to the recommendation of investment of funds as in printed report of proceedings 1872, page 101.

That the Grand Secretary be empowered to subscribe for “The Freemason” and “Jewel” for the use of the Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. T. Douglas Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the semi-annual report of the Board on Finance be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. T. White, jr., on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes begs to report that they have examined the books, papers, &c., of the following Lodges under dispensation, and recommend that warrants be granted.

Wingham	Lodge, Wingham,	Ont.
Shuniah	“ Prince Arthur’s Lan’g,	“
Ancient Landm’rk	“ Winnipeg,	Manitoba.
Doric	“ Lobo,	Ont.
Leamington	“ Leamington,	“
Dufferin	“ West Flamboro,	“

Robertson	Lodge, Nobleton.	Ont.
Moore	" Mooretown,	"
Conestogo	" Drayton,	"
Preston	" Preston,	"
Eddy	" Hull,	Que.
Victoria	" Centreville,	Ont.
Mount Olivet	" Thorndale,	"

That the warrant granted to the Royal Solomon Mother Lodge, held at Jerusalem, Palestine, be confirmed.

That a warrant be granted to the following Lodge not having had a dispensation:

Hanover Lodge, Hanover, Ont.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,
President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. T. White, jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on warrants be received and adopted.

R. W. Bro. T. White, jr., on behalf of the Board submitted and read the following report on the

CONDITION OF MASONRY.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to submit the following report on the condition of Masonry.

The Board has examined the reports of the D. D. G. M's of the London, Wilson, Huron, Hamilton, Niagara, Toronto, Ontario, Prince Edward, St. Lawrence, Ottawa, Montreal and Manitoba Districts.

It is gratifying to find from these reports that Masonry is in a flourishing condition, that with few exceptions the Lodges are prospering, steadily increasing, and working harmoniously, and in accordance with the regulations and ritual of Grand Lodge.

The D.D.G.M's report that they have visited nearly every Lodge in their respective districts, and find them under the government of efficient and skilled masters, and desirous of

making themselves perfect in the work laid down by Grand Lodge.

The complaints during the year have been few, and in general easily disposed of, by the D. D. G. M. without requiring to be brought under the notice of Grand Lodge or the Grand Master.

Lodges of instruction have been held in Ontario and Huron Districts. In Huron District at Goderich and Stratford, and in Ontario, besides holding a Lodge of instruction once a week in Port Hope, during the months of January and February, the D. D. G. M. held general Lodges of instruction in Port Hope, Whitby and Oshawa. All these Lodges of instruction are reported to have been well attended, and to have been interesting and beneficial to the officers and members of the Lodges in their respective districts. The D. D. G. M. strongly recommends a lodge of instruction to be held in Niagara District during the coming winter.

A number of dispensations have been granted by D. D. G. M's. for Masons to appear in masonic clothing at festivals, which are reported to have passed off pleasantly and harmoniously. One D. D. G. M. granted two dispensations to hold balls, the power to grant such dispensations has been frequently declared to be in the M. W. the Grand Master only. One D. D. G. M. has deputed a W. Brother to act for him in constituting a Lodge, although the D. D. G. M. has himself the power to constitute a Lodge, the M. W. the Grand Master alone has power to appoint another brother to perform that duty.

The M. W. the Grand Master has visited and constituted several Lodges in different districts, where his presence will long be remembered with pleasure.

A number of dispensations have been granted by the M. W. the Grand Master to open new Lodges, which are in nearly all instances reported to be working well, and are recommended for warrants by the D. D. G. M's. of their respective districts.

The D. D. G. M. of the Province of Manitoba reports that the district has procured suitable clothing for the D.D.G.M. of that District.

The Board has again to regret that several D. D. G. M's. have not complied with the constitution, which requires them to send in their reports to the Grand Secretary fourteen days prior to the Annual Communication of Grand Lodge.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,

President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. James Seymour, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Condition of Masonry be received and adopted.

M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson having directed attention to the clause in the report on Condition of Masonry, referring to the fact of a Lodge having been constituted and dedicated by a Worshipful Brother not constitutionally authorized to do so, it was suggested that the proceedings should be approved and confirmed by the M. W. Grand Master, and which he was pleased to do.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on matters in connection with the claim made by Denver Lodge, No. 5, Denver, Colorado, against Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, for the expenses incurred on behalf of our late Bro. Northrup, whose death took place in that city:

DENVER LODGE, COLORADO.

The Board of General Purposes begs to recommend the adoption by Grand Lodge of the following resolutions:

That the correspondence in relation to the claim of Denver Lodge, No. 5, Colorado, against Mississippi Lodge, No. 147, Almonte, having been submitted to the Board, and the following facts appearing, viz.:

1. That the late Bro. Northrup, formerly a member of Mississippi Lodge, being in the city of Denver, died there.

2. That the widow of the said Bro. Northrup applied for his burial with Masonic ceremonies to the W. M. of Denver Lodge.

3. That the said W. M. applied by telegraph to the W. M. of Mississippi Lodge, enquiring whether the said Bro. Northrup was in good standing.

4. That he received an answer to the effect that the said Bro. Northrup was in good standing.

5. That thereupon the said Denver Lodge caused Bro. Northrup to be buried with Masonic ceremonies, and sent the following bill to the W. M. of Mississippi Lodge:

For Smith & Doll's bill for coffin, hearse, &c.....	\$69 00
" Denver City Band.....	50 00
" Telegraphing to Almonte.....	6 55
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	\$125 65

6. That the W. M. of Mississippi Lodge, having given no authority to Denver Lodge to incur any such expense, did not pay the amount, and thereupon complaint was made to the Grand Secretary of such neglect, on the ground that all Masons in good standing are entitled to Masonic burial, and that therefore Denver Lodge acted only as the proxy of Mississippi Lodge. Be it therefore

RESOLVED,—That while this Board recognizes this right of Masons in good standing to have the honors of Masonic burial in the event of their decease, it does not consider that any obligation rests upon Lodges to bear the expense of such funeral, except upon distinct resolution to that effect in cases of necessity; but that as Denver Lodge evidently acted under a different impression, and in a spirit of brotherly kindness, it be an instruction to the President to issue his order to the W. M. of Denver Lodge for the amount expended on the funeral of the said late Bro. Northrup.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board be received.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, jr., submitted and read the following report of the

MASONIC ASYLUM TRUST.

The trustees of the Masonic Asylum Trust have to report to Grand Lodge a further years' stewardship.

In the matter of funds, the balance reported in 1872 amounted to \$5,858.66, which has been augmented, by interest on stock \$288, and on bank deposits \$47, to \$6,193.66 which is thus represented :

Dominion Stock	\$4,800 00
Bank Deposit	1,393 66
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	\$6,193 66

For ready future reference the trustees have extracted and annex an analysis of the Asylum Funds for 10 years, from 1863 to 1873 shewing the above result.

In the matter of the great object indicated in the original report of 1860, when the proposal of an Asylum was first enunciated, regret at apparent delay is counterbalanced by the knowledge that among the most valued evidences of benevolence are to be found instances which, cautiously entertained at their first inception, have in time forced their utility to be conceded, in this view the trustees confidently await the time when the genius of Masonry will irresistably assert itself, in requiring evidence to be afforded to the outer world that the great masonic landmark "brotherly love" needs a warmer illustration than the distribution of casual benevolence, and that while many a private home has been gladdened thereby, it may be both more visibly and more fraternally illustrated in the creation of an institution where, to quote the words of the original report "the indigent and "decayed Mason, his bereaved widow and his helpless "orphan may enter, NOT as into an institution where the "feeling of dependence, almost ggravates distress, *but* as "into a home provided by Masons, who by the goodness of "the Great Architect of the Universe have been blessed with "a continuance of means, for those who, from unforeseen and

“ unavoidable causes, are plunged into the depths of poverty
 “ and want, but who are nevertheless brethren, and brethren
 “ whose claims to the appellation are in the true spirit of
 “ Masonry enhanced by misfortune.”

A recent traveller in England asserted that one of the grandest items of her national greatness was to be found in her magnificent Hospitals and Charities, towards which Masonry had not been behind hand in contributing her quota. The trustees venture to hope that Canada may speedily follow the lead of the old mother land in this, as she has been proud to do in other glorious examples.

It is with feelings of unusual sadness your trustees reflect that during the comparatively brief period since the creation of the trust, the hand of death has twice reduced their number, in the removal in 1868 of their chairman R. W. Bro. The Honorable Robert Spence, and but a few brief months since of R. W. Brother Alfio DeGrassi. The survivors are sure Grand Lodge will join them in deploring the loss of brethren whose eminently zealous and benevolent dispositions peculiarly fitted them for participation in the care and nursing of funds set apart for an object, which when consummated cannot fail to reflect their virtues and their memory. In R.W. Brother Spence's farewell report (see proceedings 1868) written almost with the finger of death, words of wisdom and encouragement are found which the trustees desire by this reference to save from being forgotten, while in the surviving and venerable father of the late R.W. Brother DeGrassi, the oldest Mason in our midst, a visible illustration seems to be presented of the happiness that might be afforded to his declining years could he be secured the companionship and comforts of home in a well regulated Masonic Asylum or Retreat.

From his known energy and interest in every true benevolent work the trust venture to recommend the name of R. W. Brother J. K. Kerr, Past D.D.G.M. to fill the vacancy in the Trust caused by the lamented death of R. W. Brother Alfio DeGrassi, and if there is no objection to an increase in

their number from four to five, and which in some respects might be desirable, the further addition of the name of the respected R. W. Brother The Reverend Vincent Clementi, Past Grand Chaplain, will they are confident be not only warmly received by the masonic community, but will add weight and influence to their board.

To return to the matter of funds, a comparative reference to the financial position of Grand Lodge in 1860, when the scheme of an asylum was first mooted, and that presented by last years accounts, proves that Grand Lodge had good grounds for faith in her resources, when in 1860 on the motion of the revered Grand Master who again presides over us, she pledged herself to a liberal support of a project which commended itself *with an unprecedented enthusiasm* to masonic recognition, as evidenced by the series of commendatory resolutions unanimously adopted on the motions of the leaders of the craft from every section of Canada, and the trustees feel convinced that the voice of Masonry will pronounce that the scheme should now be matured, the very circumstance of protracted delay, in carrying out a benevolent project the necessity for which has been so long announced, almost inviting reflections injurious to the craft.

By reference to previous reports, it will be seen that several liberal propositions from Lodges who were desirous of seeing the asylum located in their neighborhood, lapsed from want of action, one in particular from the town of Niagara of several acres of land a substantial building and \$3,000 in money it is to be regretted was not accepted by Grand Lodge though strongly recommended by the Trust, but while the lands and building there originally offered have been since appropriated and were gladly availed of for the useful and benevolent objects of "Miss Rye's Female Emigration Home" your trustees have pleasure in adding that they have ascertained that the monetary offer of \$3000 is still held to be binding on the Masons of Niagara should that unrivalled site for salubrity and centrality, as your trustees are bound after a recent visit of inspection to regard

it, be selected, and there is every reason to believe that on due and timely application there might be secured on advantageous terms a most beautifully located plot of ordnance land with a substantial building (formerly a military hospital) admirably adapted, with comparatively slight modifications, to be immediately utilized as the nucleus of the proposed institution, which, once opened, will lack neither interest encouragement nor support to become the cherished monument of the spirit of Masonry.

KIVAS TULLY,

Chairman.

ANALYSIS ASYLUM FUND 1863-73.

NO.	THIRTY-SEVEN LODGES.	1863-8.
4	Dorchester.....St. John's.....	\$ 102 50
8	Nelson.....Phillipsburgh.....	53 00
10	Norfolk.....Simcoe.....	60 50
13	Western Light.....Bolton.....	23 00
16	St. Andrew's.....Toronto.....	161 00
17	St. John's.....Cobourg.....	20 00
42	St. George's.....London.....	41 25
49	Harington.....Quebec.....	36 00
51	Corinthian.....Grahamville.....	25 00
56	Victoria.....Sarnia.....	21 00
57	Harmony.....Binbrook.....	20 00
58	Doric.....Ottawa.....	80 00
59	Corinthian.....Ottawa.....	100 00
60	Hoyle.....La Colle.....	25 00
68	St. John's.....Ingersoll.....	17 00
73	St. James.....St. Marys.....	10 00
75	St. John's.....Toronto.....	280 56
78	Hiram.....Tilsonburg.....	68 50
80	Albion.....Newbury.....	33 00
83	Beaver.....Strathroy.....	29 00
84	Clinton.....Clinton.....	115 00
86	Wilson.....Toronto.....	50 00
96	Corinthian.....Barrie.....	82 50
98	True Blue.....Albion.....	25 00
101	Corinthian.....Peterborough.....	65 75

113	Wilson	Waterford	57 00
116	Cassia	Widder.....	25 00
117	Stanbridge.....	Stanbridge.....	35 00
130	Yamaska	Granby	26 00
133	Lebanon Forest.....	Franceston.....	55 00
134	Shawenegam.....	Three Rivers.....	73 00
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell	13 00
146	Prince of Wales.....	Newburgh	30 00
147	Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	37 00
151	Grand River.....	Berlin.....	20 00
153	Burns.....	Wyoming.....	20 00
161	Perey.....	Warkworth	20 00

\$1,965 56

NO. ONE CHAPTER.

13	Stadacona	Quebec.....	20 00
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\$1,985 56

(See proceedings 1863, p. 417; 1864, p. 560; 1865, p. 87; 1866, p. 583; 1898, p. 619.)

THE GRAND LODGE.

Vote of Grand Lodge, 1866..... \$2,000 00

(See proceedings 1866, p. 190)

BANK INTEREST.

Gore Bank.....	\$ 67 94
Bank of Upper Canada.....	45 87
Bank of Montreal.....	235 66
Bank of Torouto.....	97 65

\$ 446 72

INTEREST ON PROVINCIAL INVESTMENTS.

On sundries from Grand Treasurer—pro- portion to trust.....	\$ 48 80
On first instalment \$3,800.....	533 58
On present instalment \$4,800.....	296 00

\$1,860 38

RECAPITULATION.

SUBSCRIPTION.

Thirty-seven Lodges.....	\$1,965 56
One Chapter.....	20 00
Grand Lodge.....	2,000 00
	<hr/> \$3,985 58

INTEREST.

Banks.....	\$ 446 72
Investments	1,860 38
	<hr/> \$2,307 10
	<hr/> \$6,292 66
Less commission, &c., 1868-9....	\$ 99 00
	<hr/> \$6,193 66
Represented by Dominion stock..	\$4,800 00
Bank balance.....	1,393 66
	<hr/> \$6,193 66

NOTE.

Promises of subscriptions were made by the following Lodges :

5	Sussex.....	Brockville.....	\$ 50 00
6	Barton.....	Hamilton.....	100 00
18	Prince Edward.....	Picton	100 00
34	Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	42 00
37	King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	23 00
48	Madoc.....	Madoc.....	40 00
62	St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	55 00
108	Blenheim.....	Drumbo.....	25 00
141	Tudor.....	Mitchell	30 00
			<hr/> \$465 00

See proceedings 1863, p. 417.

And the munificent offer of \$3,000 from Niagara Lodge, within referred to, and also in regard to which see proceedings 1867, p. 371 ; 1868, p. 598.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Asylum Trust be received.

The Grand Secretary submitted and read the following correspondence which was received and ordered to be entered in the proceedings.

"TORONTO, AUGUST 10th, 1872.

"R. W. SIR ND BRO.—I beg leave to enclose to you the answer made by The Right Honorable the Secretary of State, for the home department, to the late Governor-General, on the occasion of his presenting the address of the Grand Lodge of Canada, to Her Majesty the Queen, congratulating Her Majesty on the recovery of the Prince of Wales from his serious illness.

"I have the honor to be R. W. Sir and Bro.,

"Yours fraternally,

"JOHN A. MACDONALD."

"THOS. B. HARRIS, Esq.,

Grand Secretary, Hamilton."

"WHITEHALL, JULY 24, 1872.

"MY LORD.—I have had the honor to lay before the Queen, the loyal and dutiful address of the brethren of the honorable fraternity of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of the Grand Lodge of Canada, on the occasion of the illness of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales.

"I have the honor to inform your lordship that Her Majesty was pleased to receive the address very graciously.

"I have the honor to be my lord,

"Your Lordship's obedient servant,

"H. A. BRUCE."

"THE LORD LISGAR, G. C. M. G., K. C. B.,

St. George's Hotel,

"Albemarle Street."

V. W. Bro. B. E. Charlton gave notice that on to-morrow he will move that the sum of \$500 be annually granted to the M. W. Grand Master, including the year now closing, towards paying his travelling expenses.

R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, chairman of the sub-Committee on Benevolence, gave notice that on to-morrow he will apply to the Grand Lodge for the sum of \$3,000, to be taken from the general funds and transferred to the fund of benevolence.

It was moved by V.W. Bro. J. J. Mason, seconded by R. W. Bro. W. Mackenzie, and

RESOLVED,—That the election of officers be the first order of business at the afternoon session of Grand Lodge to-morrow.

R. W. Bro. Chauncey Bennett gave notice, that on to-morrow he will move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at St. Catharines.

W. Bro. S. S. Lazier gave notice, that he would move that the next meeting of Grand Lodge be held at Belleville.

R. W. Bro. F. Westlake gave notice that he would move that the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge be held at London.

R. W. Bro. Thomas White, jr., presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Orient of France.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Orient of Costa Rica.

R. W. Brother the Grand Secretary, on behalf of R. W. Bro. Hugh A. Mackay, presented his credentials as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.

These brethren were severally received and saluted with the usual Masonic honors, and were accorded a seat on the dais.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. Urquhart, Jr.,

That Article 1 of Deputy Grand Master, Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides, be amended by striking out the following words: "and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides."

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared in the negative.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Brooke, and

RESOLVED,—That in section 1, "Of the Board of General Purposes," the following words be struck out, viz.: "Not more than one half of such appointed or elected members are to be Past Masters at the time of such appointment or election,"

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 7.30 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8 o'clock, p. m.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,

On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. T. White, jr., on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted and read the following report on

GRIEVANCES AND APPEALS.

The Board of General Purposes begs leave to submit the following report upon Grievances and Appeals :

1. Bro. William Hawthorne, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 209a, complains that through the opposition of Bro. M. F. McTaggart, a member of St. John's Lodge, No. 20, he has on more than one occasion been refused admission as a visitor to this latter Lodge. It appears that a difficulty arose between these two brethren before Bro. Hawthorne became a Mason, the particulars of which need not now be detailed. Any member has no doubt a right to announce his refusal to remain in the Lodge if a visitor to whom he objects, on being announced be admitted, but this right ought to be exercised with caution, and only for sufficient reasons, and it is certainly no ground for complaint, that the W. M. decides in such a way as to keep the member of his own Lodge in the room. It is hoped that the brethren concerned will be able to settle their difficulties amicably, but if not Bro. Hawthorne had better for the present, confine his visits to Lodges other than that of which Bro. McTaggart is a member.

2. Bro. Charles C. Baird, of Acacia Lodge, No. 61, has been suspended by his Lodge for unmasonic conduct, and has been summoned for expulsion. In answer to their summons he complains of the insufficiency of the evidence upon which the suspension was ordered, and states his inability to attend the present Communication of Grand Lodge. The D. D. G. M. it appears has not been made acquainted with the case, and as the delay will not be of consequence, it is recommended that the whole matter be referred to the

D. D. G. M. of the Hamilton District, with power to hear further evidence if necessary, and with instructions to report at the next meeting of the Board, and that in the meantime the suspension do stand.

3. Bro. Isaac Bell, Cornwall, was on the 6th November 1872, suspended by St. George's Lodge, No. 42, for unmasonic conduct. From this suspension he has appealed on two grounds—first, because he was not an affiliated member, and secondly because the summons was grossly irregular. Both grounds are untenable. The first, if true in fact, is no answer, and the second is not true in fact—the irregularity complained of being that he was at the time a convict in the Penitentiary for felony. On his own showing his appeal cannot be received, and it is recommended that it be dismissed.

4. The complaint of Bro. Thomas Clark, of Ionic Lodge, No. 229, requires careful investigation, but this should take place in the first instance in the Lodge itself, or before the D. D. G. M.

5. On the appeal of Bro. John A. Mackie against his suspension for unmasonic conduct by The Grand River Lodge, No. 151, it is recommended that all parties be summoned for the next meeting of the Board, and that the Lodge be required to produce there all the evidence taken in the case.

6. It is only necessary to state, in connection with the case of Bro. George Smith, of Dalhousie Lodge, that he was suspended for twelve months by that Lodge while under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of England, and that the Grand Master of England, on appeal by Bro. Smith, annulled the suspension on the ground that the Lodge had no power to suspend, and directed him to be at once restored to his Masonic privileges. This decision cannot be reviewed. Grand Secretary Hervey's letter to the W. M. of Dalhousie Lodge, of the 29th July, 1872, should be entered of record in the books of that Lodge. From the time of the receipt of that letter, Bro. Smith has been in good standing in his Lodge.

7. In the matter of the complaint of Bro. Taylor against W. Bro. Logan and R. W. Bro. Barber, it appears that the parties have not been formally summoned for this Communication. They have been notified informally, but have not all appeared. It is consequently recommended that the case do stand until the next meeting of the Board.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,
President B. of G. P.

"It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals be received.

Notice of motion by W. Bro. F. J. Menet for the next annual Communication: That he will then move that Art. 1, "Of Deputy Grand Master," Book of Constitution, which requires that the Deputy Grand Master shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides, be amended by striking out the words: "and in order that both sections of the Province may enjoy a proper representation, he shall not be elected from that portion of the Province in which the Grand Master resides."

The consideration of the report of the Board in the matter of Denver Lodge, Denver, was resumed. (See pages 396, 397.)

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the report be adopted.

The consideration of matters contained in the Annual report of the Board was resumed. (See pages 380 to 391.)

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Junr., seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson,

That the annual report of the Board of General Purposes be adopted.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake,

That all that portion of the report of the Board on Grievances and Appeals relating to the expulsion of R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck be struck out

A long discussion followed, when,

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the further consideration of the report be deferred until to-morrow, to be then the first order of the day, and that the W.M. of the Lodge of Antiquity be requested to produce the minute book of that Lodge, and any evidence before that Lodge on the investigation of the charges against R. W. Bro. Franck.

In accordance with notice given at the last annual Communication of Grand Lodge,

It was moved by W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Myers, seconded by M. W. Bro. James Seymour,

That clause 1 in the Book of Constitution, "Of District Deputy Grand Masters," be amended by adding the following words thereto: "But no Brother can be elected a District Deputy Grand Master while holding the office of Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge. Nor can a Brother be elected to the office of Worshipful Master of a subordinate Lodge while holding the office of District Deputy Grand Master.

In accordance with notices given, the following places were proposed for holding the next annual Communication, viz.:

R. W. Bro. Henry Macpherson, City of Toronto.

"	"	S. S. Lazier,	Town of Belleville.	<i>Lost.</i>
"	"	F. Westlake,	City of London.	<i>Lost.</i>
"	"	Samuel Woods,	City of Kingston.	<i>Lost.</i>
"	"	Chauncey Bennett,	Town of St. Catharines.	<i>Lost.</i>
V.	"	W. S. Martin,	Town of Brantford.	<i>Lost.</i>

A vote of Grand Lodge having been severally taken on the various places put in nomination, the majority of the votes were in favor of the City of Toronto, and Toronto was declared to be the place for the holding of the next annual Communication.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, jr., on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on

BENEVOLENCE.

The Board had under consideration numerous applications for assistance, and after due consideration made the following appropriations, to be paid from the funds of Benevolence at the disposal of the Board, viz.:

No.	To whom granted.	Amount.	Through whom Paid.
1	Montreal Board of Relief	\$100	R. W. Bro. Thos. White
2	Toronto " "	200	Bro. James Spooner
3	Hamilton " "	100	R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason
4	London " "	100	" " D. B. Burch
5	Kingston " "	50	" " A. S. Kirkpatrick
6	Ottawa " "	75	" " E. C. Barber
7	Mrs. S.....	20	" " J. J. Mason
8	" Q.....	20	" " "
9	" D.....	20	" " "
10	" B.....	30	" " "
11	" B.....	25	" " "
12	" F.....	25	M. W. " W. M. Wilson
13	Bro. G.....	50	W. M. Albion Lodge, 80
14	Orphan child of Bro. T.	25	" " " "
15	Mrs. B.....	25	" " " "
16	Bro. T.....	25	" Corinthian " 101
17	" S.....	50	" " " "
18	" S.....	20	" Union " 9
19	Mrs. G.	30	" Lebanon " 139
20	" C.....	25	" Central " 110
21	Bro. C.....	40	" " " "
22	Mrs. C.....	25	" St. John's " 20
23	" B.....	20	" Plattsville " 178
24	" McD.....	30	" Faithful Br. " 77
25	" McI.....	25	" Kilwinning " 64
26	Bro. I.....	40	" New Dom'n " 205
27	Mrs. E.....	25	R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry
28	" K.....	30	Bro. James Spooner
29	" P.....	20	" " "

30	"	G.....	30	"	"
31	"	FitzK.....	50	W. M. Great Western,	47
32	Great Western, No. 47..		50	"	"
33	Mrs. W.....		30	R.W.Bro. Thos. White, jr.	
34	Bro. T.....		40	"	"
35	"	S.....	30	"	"
36	"	M.....	25	"	"
37	Mrs. C.....		20	"	"
38	"	W.....	20	"	"
39	"	J.....	25	"	"
40	"	W.....	40	"	"
41	Bro. C.....		50	"	"
42	"	M.....	40	"	"
43	Mrs. C.....		25	W. M. Clinton Lodge,	84
44	"	B.....	30	"	"
45	"	J.....	25	"	"
46	"	H.....	30	"	"
47	"	G.....	25	R.W.Bro. F. Westlake	
48	"	T.....	20	"	"
49	Bro. M.....		20	"	"
50	Mrs. W.....		40	"	"
51	"	B.....	40	"	"
52	"	H.....	30	W.M. St. John's Lodge	68
53	"	C.....	25	"	"
54	Bro. R.....		25	"	"
55	Mrs. B.....		40	"	"
56	"	G.....	35	"	"
57	Bro. E.....		20	R.W. Bro. H. D. Pickell	
58	Mrs. S.....		25	"	"
59	"	G.....	30	"	"
60	"	H.....	20	W. M. Norfolk Lodge,	10
61	Bro. M.....		20	Bro. James Spooner	
62	"	B.....	20	"	"
63	Mrs. D.....		20	"	"
64	"	H.....	20	"	"
65	"	O.....	25	"	"
66	Widow and orphans of				
	Bro. A. DeG.....	100	"	"	

67	Bro. Ph. DeG.....	25	Bro. James Spooner.
68	Mrs. R.....	50	W. M. St. John's Lodge, 82
69	" K.....	20	Bro. James Spooner
70	" G.....	25	" "
71	" C.....	20	R.W. Bro. J. B. Trayes
72	" C.....	25	" " "
73	" G.....	50	W.M. Corinthian Lodge, 59
74	" N.....	20	" True Briton " 14
75	Bro. K.....	40	" Irving " 154
76	Mrs. S.....	25	M. W. Bro. A. Bernard
77	" A.....	20	W.M. Wilson Lodge, 113
78	Orphans of Bro. P.....	30	" " "
79	Lodges at Winnipeg....	50	R.W. Bro. Wm. N. Kennedy
80	Bro. M.....	25	W.M. St. Thomas Lodge, 44
81	" K.....	25	" " "
82	Mrs. W.....	25	" " "
83	" McD.....	40	M.W. Bro. W. B. Simpson
84	Mrs. J.....	50	" " "
85	Miss P.....	25	" " "
86	Mrs. G.....	25	W.M. St. Francis Lodge, 24
87	" S.....	25	" " "
88	" M.....	20	" Richardson " 136
89	" G.....	30	R.W. Bro. J. B. Trayes
90	" L.....	25	" " "
91	" B.....	30	W.M. Sussex Lodge, 5
92	" H.....	30	" New Hope " 279
93	Bro. O'C.....	20	" Belleville " 123
94	Harris Lodge, No. 216..	40	" Harris " 216
95	Shuniah " U. D.....	50	" Shuniah " U.D.
96	Mrs. C.....	25	" Mount Zion " 39
97	" S.....	30	" " " "
98	" T.....	20	" Oriental " 181
99	Bro. S.....	20	R. W. Bro. E. C. Barber
100	Mrs. McC.....	20	W. M. Amity Lodge, 32

\$3430

The Board also submits a condensed statement made by the several City Boards of Relief which received aid from the funds of Grand Lodge, viz. :

MONTREAL BOARD OF RELIEF.

Received from Grand Lodge during the last six	\$ 50 00
Received from City Lodges.....	81 30
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	\$131 30
Expended during last six months for relief of 15 applicants.....	\$131 30

TORONTO BOARD OF RELIEF.

Received from Grand Lodge during last six months in 1872.....	\$150 00
Received from two city Lodges.....	172 00
From other sources.....	65 50
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	\$387 50
Expended during same period for relief of 82 applicants.....	\$523 25
Medicines, &c.....	6 75
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	\$530 00
Showing that they drew upon their pre- vious balance on hand	\$142 50
Received from Grand Lodge during the last six months.....	\$ 50 00
From six of the city Lodges.....	472 40
[Rehoboam and Wilson Lodges not having contributed.]	
From two Chapters	90 00
Sundry donations.	36 00
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	\$648 40
Expended during same period for relief of applicants	\$899 00
Sundry stationery.....	13 50
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	\$912 50
Showing that they drew upon the previous balance on hand.....	\$264 10

HAMILTON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Received from Grand Lodge during last six months.....	\$ 50 00
From two city Lodges.....	88 23
From other sources.....	49 00
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	\$187 23
Expended during same period for relief of applicants.....	\$240 60
Showing that they drew upon their previous balance on hand	\$ 53 37

LONDON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Received from Grand Lodge during 1872...	\$ 75 00
From five city Lodges “ “ ...	95 00
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	\$170 00
Expended during the same period for 12 applicants.....	\$114 50
Received from Grand Lodge during the last six months.....	\$ 40 00
From five city Lodges.....	112 50
Other sources.....	10 00
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	\$162 50
Expended during the same period for 15 applicants	\$161 50

KINGSTON BOARD OF RELIEF.

Received from Grand Lodge during 1872...	\$175 00
From three city Lodges “ “ ...	40 75
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	\$215 75
Expended during the same period for 7 applicants.....	\$ 62 50
Received from Grand Lodge during the last six months.....	\$ 40 00
From other sources.....	1 80
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	\$ 41 80

Expended during the last six months for 7
 applicants.....\$ 79 25

OTTAWA BOARD OF RELIEF.

Received from Grand Lodge during 1872...\$150 00
 From three city Lodges " " ... 54 25
\$204 25

Expended during 1872 for 21 applicants...\$140 34

Received from Grand Lodge during the last
 six months.....\$ 40 00
 From five city Lodges..... 173 00
\$213 00

Expended during the last six months for 6
 applicants.....\$112 00

The Board also submits the following resolutions :

Resolved,—That in future all applications for relief out of the funds of Grand Lodge must be in the hands of the Grand Secretary before the opening of the session of the Board of General Purposes, to entitle the same to consideration ; that such applications be accompanied with the particular circumstances of the applicant, and his, her, or their relation to the craft—whether a brother, or a brother's widow, or his orphans, and the aid granted by private Lodges, or otherwise, to such applicant.

That the applications for relief be on a printed form, which is to be furnished by the Grand Secretary on demand.

And that the Grand Secretary embody this resolution in his official circular to each Lodge under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, semi-annually.

The Board also recommends that the Chairman of the Benevolent Committee be authorized to procure a suitable box for the Analytical Index and papers belonging thereto.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,
 President B. of G. P.

It was moved by R.W. Bro. Thos. White, jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be received.

[The following report for the St. Clair District, was not received in time to be inserted in its proper place, at page 380.]

ST. CLAIR DISTRICT.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of Canada.

MOST WORSHIPFUL SIR AND BRETHREN,—In compliance with the Constitution, I beg to submit my report upon the condition of Masonry in St. Clair District.

I am happy to state that during the year I have had the honor of filling the position of D. D. G. M. of this District nothing has occurred to disturb the peace and harmony which existed in it prior to my being elected to the office, and I trust that my successor may be as fortunate in having no serious complaints to adjudicate upon.

In November last, in the absence of the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, I had the very great pleasure of dedicating Parthenon Lodge, Chatham, and installing the officers of the Lodge, which ceremony was honored by the presence of a large number of Masons from a distance; amongst whom was our R. W. Grand Secretary, who delivered some very appropriate remarks to the brethren. The dedication ceremony was also witnessed by a goodly representation of Chatham ladies, who seem to take a lively interest in Masonry.

Although the Most Worshipful the Grand Master was suffering from a severe attack of illness, at great personal inconvenience he arrived in time to open the ball which was given in honor of the occasion.

The brethren of Chatham are most enthusiastic Masons, and those of Parthenon Lodge are entitled to much praise for their liberality in so handsomely and expensively furnishing their new Lodge-room, which is the best in the District, and I believe is second to none in Ontario.

On the 14th of November I installed the officers of Kent Lodge, No. 274, Blenheim, assisted by W. Bros. A. D. Bogart and Thomas C. Macnabb from Chatham. After the ceremony we were invited to a sumptuous repast, which had been prepared in honor of our visit, and the evening was spent in a very pleasant manner.

Upon my recommendation, the M. W. the Grand Master has been pleased to grant dispensations to Leamington Lodge, Leamington, and Moore Lodge, Mooretown, and I have no hesitation in recommending that charters be granted them, having full confidence in their officers.

I granted a dispensation to Cassia Lodge, Widder, to wear regalia to and from church on the 24th June.

I had to perform the last sad rite over the remains of our late Bro. Major James Parkinson, of Sarnia, who died at the advanced age of eighty-three years. He was for over fifty years an untiring and zealous Mason.

Several other deaths of brethren came to my knowledge, though not reported to me officially, all of the deceased being buried with Masonic ceremonies.

I regret that, on account of illness for several months, I have not been able to carry out my intention of visiting all the Lodges in the District, or of holding a Lodge of Instruction, but trust my shortcomings in this respect will be overlooked by the Grand Lodge and by those Lodges which I have not visited.

In conclusion, may peace, love and harmony continue to prevail in our midst.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

JAMES GOWANS,
D. D. G. M., St. Clair District.

The Grand Secretary, on behalf of R. W. Bro. Henry Robertson, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, submitted the following report, which was, on motion of R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Junr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Dr. Kincaid, received and ordered to be printed with the proceedings of Grand Lodge :

FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Most Worshipful Grand Master and the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. M. of Canada.

The Committee on Foreign Correspondence beg leave to report that they have received and examined the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, as under :

1 Alabama.....1872	21 Nevada .....1872
2 Arkansas.....1872	22 New Brunswick ....1872
3 British Columbia....1872	23 New Jersey.....1873
4 California .....1872	24 New York.....1872
5 Colorado.....1872	25 North Carolina.....1872
6 Connecticut.....1870-2-3	26 Nova Scotia.....1872
7 Delaware.....1872	27 Ohio.....1872
8 District of Columbia..1872	28 Oregon.....1871
9 Illinois .....1872	29 Pennsylvania.....1872
10 Iowa .....1871-2	30 Rhode Island.....1872
11 Kansas.....1872	31 South Carolina.....1872
12 Kentucky.....1872	32 Tennessee .....1872
13 Louisiana.....1873	33 Texas .....1872
14 Massachusetts.....1872	34 Utah.....1872
15 Michigan.....1873	35 Vermont .....1872
16 Minnesota.....1872	36 Virginia .....1872
17 Mississippi .....1873	37 Washington.....1872
18 Missouri.....1872	38 West Virginia.....1871
19 Montana .....1872	39 Wisconsin.....1872
20 Nebraska.....1872	

We have not received the proceedings of Florida, Georgia, Idaho, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, and New Hampshire, and therefore are not able to give any information in this report regarding these jurisdictions.

In order to economize space as much as possible, we have determined to omit the statistics of each Grand Lodge, while reviewing the proceedings, and in lieu thereof to substitute a general statistical table. The best one, and the latest, that has come before us, is in the proceedings of Illinois, and was prepared by W. Bro. John F. Burrill, Deputy Grand Secretary, to whom we must render our acknowledgments, and take the liberty of transferring the result of his labors to our pages :

In accordance with the usual custom, we notice the proceedings in alphabetical order, commencing with the Grand Lodge of

ALABAMA.

Fifty-second annual Communication, held at Montgomery, December 2nd, 1872; M. W. Bro. Joseph H. Johnson, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Daniel Sayre, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master had issued dispensations for four new Lodges. The following paragraph from his address, exemplifies in a striking manner, one of our cardinal tenets:

"In this connection, I will state the result of our efforts to restore to their home in Alabama, the family of our lamented Brother Samuel D. Watson. It will be remembered that our brother died in the wilds of South America, far from home and friends, leaving a helpless family, destitute and amongst savages. By your generosity one year ago we were enabled to forward to them the means to return home. Through Brother L. E. Parsons, the President of the U. S., and the American Minister, Gen. Partridge, we sent the money intended for the use of Brother Watson's family to Brazil. In the meantime, however, the masonic brotherhood of Rio, finding that there was the widow of a brother from a foreign land in distress in their midst, in the true spirit of masonic charity, contributed the amount necessary to defray the expenses of the family to the United States, and sent them home. Our draft amounting to four hundred and ten dollars, has since been returned, and the money handed over to Mrs. Watson."

From a number of his decisions, we extract these, as containing matters of interest:

"That charges having been regularly preferred, and the Lodge convened for the trial of a brother, that the W.M. has no right to excuse a witness from testifying and dismiss the case.

"That an applicant for the mysteries of Masonry eighty-four (84) years old ought not to be made a Mason.

"That a man must be perfect in all his members, 'as a man ought to be,' before he can be made a Mason.

"That no one is authorized or allowed to preside in a Lodge in this State except a Present Master, one of the Wardens, or a Past Master belonging to this jurisdiction.

"If a candidate cannot legally be made a Mason, or if he is physically disqualified, the petition may be withdrawn without a ballot.

"A Masen having joined a church, the laws of which require a renunciation of Masonry, notwithstanding he holds a dimit, is not entitled to its benefits, neither is the widow of such an one so entitled after his death."

We also copy the following on Quebec:

"For myself, I have serious doubts as to the propriety or justice of our action, in recognizing the Grand Lodge of Quebec at the time we did. The report on Foreign Correspondence by Bro. G. Frank Gouley of Missouri, treats this subject in a masterly manner, and to my mind is perfectly conclusive against the legality of the Grand Lodge of Quebec. I trust our very able committee on masonic jurisprudence will look into this matter, and if we have, by our former action as to the matter, done wrong, let us have the manliness to retrace our steps."

Nothing else on this subject appears in the proceedings.

A new Grand Lodge Hall is nearly finished.

DEATHS.—Edward Herndon, P. G. M., William C. Penick, P. G. M. and G. Frank Smith, D. G. M.

Canada for 1871, receives a very good notice in the report on correspondence by Bro. R. F. Knott. He gives several extracts from our proceedings and copies the whole of Bro. Mitchell's remarks on the right of visitation, styling them "an invaluable summary of the whole matter."

Grand Officers re-elected.

ARKANSAS.

Thirty-fourth annual Communication commenced at Little Rock, November 4th, 1872, and adjourned until January 6th, 1873, when it was re-opened for business. M. W. Bro. S. W. Williams, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master is strongly against lotteries and gift enterprises. He issued twenty-five dispensations for new Lodges. He gives a large number of decisions, speaks of St. John's College, and summarizes the reports of the five District Deputy Grand Masters.

It is contemplated to change the time of the annual meeting, from the first Monday in November, to the second Monday in October.

St. John's College has now one hundred and three students, of whom thirty-eight are beneficiaries, appointed by the Grand Master, who receive tuition free. This college was established in 1849, to be a college of high order, where all persons should have an opportunity to secure a thorough education, and where the sons of indigent Masons might be instructed gratuitously. It was suspended during the war and its valuable library, museum and apparatus all lost or destroyed. However it has since been revived, and now its prospects are higher than ever before. All honor to the Masons of Arkansas, for their noble and praiseworthy efforts in this good cause. The surplus funds were as usual donated to the college.

British Columbia, Utah and Brazil were recognized.

The committee on masonic law altered one decision of a Grand Master. He said "that a candidate must believe in God, and in the immortality of his own soul. But we have nothing to do with speculative opinions of any one as to what becomes of the soul of the wicked. Let the wicked pass, we will not receive them." The committee say the candidate must believe "in the immortality of the soul" not simply "his own soul."

From the historical committee we learn that they have a tradition of the introduction of Masonry into Arkansas by the Spanish, about one hundred years ago, and that the present Grand Lodge was formed in 1838 by four Lodges, two holding warrants from Louisiana, one from Alabama, and one from Tennessee. A short sketch of each of these Lodges is given, and also a copy of the Act of Incorporation of Grand Lodge in 1846.

The very able and extensive report on correspondence is by Bro. Geo. E. Dodge, and covers 130 pages. Canada for 1871 is well noticed.

M. W. Bro. E. R. Duval was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. L. E. Barber, re-elected Grand Secretary.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Second annual Communication, held at Victoria, December 7th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Israel W. Powell, Grand Master and V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master states that they have been recognized by all the Grand Lodges in the States and Canada, except Indiana, which awaits the action of England. They have also complete harmony within their own borders; Union Lodge, No. 899, E. R., the only Lodge in the jurisdiction which did not join in the formation, having since joined the new Grand Lodge.

Resolutions were introduced for the formation of a Benevolent and Widows and Orphans' Fund.

A handsome Gold Chronometer Watch was presented to the Grand Secretary for his eminent services.

A Special Communication was held at New Westminster, July 30th, 1872, to lay the corner stone of the Mortuary Chapel of the masonic cemetery at Sapperton.

M. W. Bro. Israel W. Powell was re-elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. H. F. Heisterman, re-appointed Grand Secretary.

CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-third annual Communication, held in San Francisco, October 8th, 1872. M. W. Bro. L. E. Pratt, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Alexander G. Abell, Grand Secretary, and representatives of one hundred and sixty-five chartered Lodges, and five under dispensation.

The Grand Master delivered a lengthy and very able address. He cautions the brethren against treachery towards each other, and recommends the continued practice of courtesy and fraternal regard towards visitors. He reports a marked improvement in the general condition of the Lodges, and congratulates Grand Lodge on their enviable reputation abroad.

Interesting reports were also presented by the Grand Secretary, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Lecturer. No Lodge was in arrears for dues. Receipts \$16,550.00; disbursements \$21,912.69; balance on hand \$1,040.13. All the Lodges except one, are working uniformly as far as they have been instructed, including a Lodge in Honolulu. The exception is a Lodge working in the French language.

The San Francisco board of relief (which has been in existence seventeen years) reported \$7,780.13 expended in one hundred and twenty-one cases during 1872. Total during the seventeen years \$98,110.06.

The committee on jurisprudence, recommended the continuation of the edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, on the "Louisiana Supreme Council" question, and their report was concurred in.

It was decided that the petition of a man who had lost one of his eyes could not be received. The work and lectures in the three degrees were exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and assistants.

The Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah, and the Grand Orients of Brazil and Mexico were recognized.

A design for a new seal was adopted and the same ordered to be procured.

On the Quebec question, the committee on jurisprudence presented majority and minority reports, the former reiterating their conclusions of last year and recommending non-recognition, and the latter we presume advocating recognition. The minority report was adopted. This action we much regret.

The money returned from Chicago was divided amongst the boards of relief of five cities.

Charters were granted to five new Lodges.

A memorial page is dedicated to John Sherrill Ward, P. G. S. W.

Bro. Wm. H. Hill presented an able and interesting review of the proceedings of forty-five Grand Lodges, among which Canada for 1871 receives a fraternal notice.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

COLORADO.

Twelfth annual Communication, held at Central, Sept. 24th, 1872. M.W. Bro. Henry M. Teller, Grand Master, R.W. Bro. E. C. Parmelee, Grand Secretary, and representatives from twelve Lodges present.

A Lodge of master Masons was opened in due form by the Deputy Grand Master. In reply to the Grand Master the Grand Secretary announced that a constitutional number of Lodges were represented, had made returns and paid dues, whereupon the Grand Lodge was opened in ample form.

The Grand Master fears that some of the brethren in their anxiety to start new Lodges do not realize the necessity of keeping alive the Lodges now formed, and are not willing to take the same trouble to receive the benefits of Lodge that their predecessors have taken. Brother Frazier (now deceased) used to travel fifty miles to attend his Lodge, through a country with scarcely a vestige of civilization. He also thinks that they are losing sight of the fact, that Masonry is a social institution, and that they have too much work and too little refreshment, thereby causing a loss of interest in the Lodge.

The Grand Lodge of British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

No appeals or grievances.

A resolution was adopted earnestly recommending masters of Lodges to require every M. M. to pass an examination in open Lodge as to his proficiency within three months from taking the degree.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Lodge of Hamburg, and the Grand Orient of France.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary. Canada does not appear to have been received.

For the first time *all* the elective Grand Officers were re-elected.

CONNECTICUT.

Eighty-second annual Communication, held at Hartford, May 11th, 1870. M. W. Bro. Amos E. Cobb, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary; and a large number of representatives present.

Several Grand Representatives presented their credentials and were received with grand honors, among whom we find R. W. Bro. W. S. Fish for the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Master recounts his official acts, visitations, etc. He issued six dispensations for new Lodges, and appointed a number of representatives to sister Grand Lodges, among them being M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson to the Grand Lodge of Canada.

The Grand Lecturer reports the Lodges in general good condition, and making progress in all things for which the brethren should strive. "Any diminution of quantity has been more than compensated by the quality of those received." He is "encouraged to believe it so especially from the number of rejections. While an intelligent use continues to be made of that little but valuable working tool, the black ball, we have an essential safeguard for the perpetuity of our Order." He, however, cautions the brethren that "no candidate is to be rejected because of his religion, be he Christian or Jew."

A brief but interesting report was also presented by their Grand Representative near the Grand Lodge of Saxony, which has under its jurisdiction twenty subordinate Lodges, three of which, having 830 members, are in the capital city, Dresden.

Receipts, \$3,134.50; expenditure, \$2,275.06; balance, \$859.44.

Non-intercourse was declared with the Grand Orient of France.

Canada for 1869 is noticed by the Grand Secretary in his report on correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Asa Smith was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler was re-elected Grand Secretary.

1872.

A special Communication was held at New Haven, Dec. 6th, 1871, for the purpose of laying the corner-stone of a new Masonic Temple.

Eighty-fourth annual Communication, held at Hartford May 8th, 1872. M. W. Bro. James L. Gould, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master reports having exercised his highest and most responsible prerogative by making two gentlemen Masons "at sight."

A large amount of local business was transacted. Receipts, \$1,434.40; expenditure, \$947.23; balance on hand, \$415.85.

A mourning page is dedicated to the memory of David E. Bostwick, Past Grand Master.

The Grand Secretary presented an able and interesting report on the proceedings of forty-two Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1871.

M. W. Bro. Luke A. Lockwood was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Jos. K. Wheeler, re-elected Grand Secretary.

1873.

A special Communication was held at New Haven, June 1, 1872, for the purpose of attending the funeral of the late William Storer, P. G. M.

Another on October 16th, 1872, to dedicate the new Masonic Temple at New Haven.

The eighty-fifth annual Communication was held at New Haven, May 14th, 1873. M. W. Bro. Luke A. Lockwood, G. M., and R. W. Bro. Joseph K. Wheeler, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master issued two dispensations for new Lodges. He mentions twenty-five decisions, of which we quote the following:

"That the Grand Master will require evidence of the necessity of a dispensation to shorten the time in respect to receiving candidates and conferring degrees. Such dispensations are never granted, as of course.

"That no installed officer can resign, and no dispensation can be granted for an election in such case. Such office, other than that of Master, should be filled by appointment, and it is recommended that the appointee be continued until the next election.

"Color is not one of the qualifications of a candidate, and each member of a Lodge has the right, and it is his duty, to vote upon every candidate of whatever color as in his conscience he may decide to be for the interest of his Lodge and of the fraternity.

"In case a candidate makes a willfully false statement in his application, or for the purpose of gaining admission into a Lodge, charges should be preferred, and he should be punished.

"It is courteous to prefer charges in the Lodge of which the offender is a member, but not necessary. Every Mason can be punished for offences committed within the territorial jurisdiction of a Lodge, whether he be a member of that Lodge or not, provided he be served with the summons within such jurisdiction.

"That a candidate physically disqualified, who has received one degree, contrary to the Landmark, should not be *advanced*.

"It is improper to use Lodge funds for suppers, &c., except they are furnished to the poor and needy, or other objects of Masonic charity.

"That the prerogatives of the Master are personal, and cannot be delegated. A Brother filling an office *pro. tem.*, is clothed, for the time being, with the prerogatives of that office.

"That a rejected candidate making an application to another Lodge, in ignorance of the Masonic law in that respect, and not intentionally concealing such fact, and thereupon receiving the degrees, is not guilty of a Masonic offence. The offence is by the Lodge receiving him without due inquiry."

He also advocates a Masonic asylum, warns the brethren against the present popularity of the institution, and states

that the Craft in Connecticut were never in so flourishing a condition as at present as to number of Lodges and general diffusion of Masonic intelligence.

Reports are presented by the Deputy Grand Master, the Grand Senior Warden and Grand Lecturer.

Resolutions were adopted for the establishment of a Masonic Home and Trust Fund for its support, in accordance with the recommendation of the Grand Master.

It was also resolved that a brother who is in arrears for dues cannot become a petitioner for a new Lodge.

Memorial pages are dedicated to the memory of three Past Grand Masters, William Storer, Ralph J. Ingersoll, and John C. Blackman.

A very good report on correspondence is presented by the Grand Secretary, in which Canada for 1872 is noticed.

Grand officers, re-elected.

DELAWARE.

Sixty-sixth annual Communication, held at Wilmington June 27th, 1872. M. W. Bro. John C. McCabe, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. J. P. Allmond, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master says that Masonry in Delaware is in a progressively healthy condition. He had issued a circular recommending the brethren to procure Grand Lodge diplomas before visiting sister jurisdictions. He mentions the dedication of the new Masonic Temple at Wilmington on the 18th April, 1872, which was performed with the very grandest of Masonic ceremonies and a magnificent banquet. He says that among the distinguished brethren present were Bros. Allan McLean and R. P. Stephens, the former the Senior Grand Warden and the latter the Junior Grand Warden of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

There appears to be in Wilmington a body of men, of African descent, claiming to be the M. W. Hiram Grand Lodge, &c., of Delaware, who have tried to provoke the Grand Master into a correspondence, but did not succeed.

Upon making inquiries the Grand Master found that a Lodge in Newark, New Jersey, having obtained a warrant from the Grand Lodge of New Jersey by deceit and misrepresentation, were making Masons of colored men. He therefore recommended this Grand Lodge to hold no communication with any one hailing from that Lodge.

The committee to whom the Grand Master's address was referred presented majority and minority reports. The majority report, which was adopted by Grand Lodge, did not endorse the recommendation as to diplomas, as in their opinion "such a diploma would be no evidence of future good standing."

They also "do not agree with the suggestion to appoint three District Deputy Grand Masters, believing the same would not add to the harmony of the order."

The minority of the committee agreed with the majority as to the foregoing, but further most respectfully dissent from the recommendation of the Grand Master as to the Lodge in New Jersey, "considering that as that Lodge is in good standing with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, with whom we are in Masonic communication, we cannot refuse to any of its members, who have been regularly made under its jurisdiction, in accordance with Masonic law, an admission into any of our Lodges, if they should, in due manner, demand such admission, and be found worthy."

In our opinion, the position assumed by the minority committee is perfectly correct, but it was rejected by the Grand Lodge, and "the Grand Secretary ordered to notify all subordinates to hold no Masonic intercourse with Alpha Lodge, No. 116, New Jersey, or any one hailing from said Lodge." This seems to us rather high-handed, and likely to cause trouble with the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, who ought surely to be supposed capable of dealing properly with its own subordinates.

Canada for 1871 is fraternally noticed in the report on correspondence, by W. Bro. J. Thomas Budd, which is a

brief but well-digested review of the proceedings of twenty-five Grand Lodges.

The ceremonies of dedication of the new Masonic Hall in Wilmington are given in full, in an appendix, with the toasts and responses at the banquet. On the commencement of the ceremony the national airs of England, Germany, France, and the United States were sung with proper accompaniments, in the order here named, symbolizing the universality of Masonry.

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Sixty-second annual Communication, held at Washington, November 13th, 1872. M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. C. W. Hancock, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master had laid the corner stone of a Church on a Sunday, and thus speaks of it:

"Some brethren of tender consciences have found cause of offence at the performance of this ceremony on Sunday. I am opposed to lending the sanction of our fraternity to the performance of secular work on that day; but I have always held that the laying of a corner stone of a church was merely a participation in a strictly religious service—the first step in the pious duty of dedicating a building to the service and worship of Almighty God. The churches, most stringent in their notions, of the sanctity of the first day of the week, have deemed the laying of the corner stone of a sacred edifice a proper duty for that day. The corner stone of Trinity Church, in this city was laid on Sunday afternoon, by request of the authorities of the church. I regret that the prejudices of any brother were touched unpleasantly by the event. My own conscience has not experienced any pang's on the subject; and the pastor of the church in question took occasion, in the sermon which formed part of the services, to thank the fraternity for their presence and participation in the ceremony. Where Protestant clergymen lead on such a subject as this, it is at least safe for the laity to follow. If the Grand Lodge should not hold this view, it would be well to adopt a standing resolution on the subject, by which the Grand Master may, for the future, be guided."

We think that the laying of a corner stone albeit of a church is *work*, and secular work as well, and that it should not by any means be done on the Sabbath day.

Our Grand Master's circular on the action of Vermont, was read and referred to the committee on jurisprudence, but no report from that committee appears.

British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

An excellent report on correspondence was presented by Bro. Wm. R. Singleton, in which however, Canada does not appear

M. W. Bro. C. F. Stansbury was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. A. Yates was elected Grand Secretary, (Bro. Hancock having declined re-election.)

ILLINOIS.

Thirty-second annual Communication, held at Chicago, October 1st, 1872. M. W. Bro. Dewitt C. Cregier, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Orlin H. Miner, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a long and interesting address. The first part is taken up with the transactions of the Board of Relief, after the great fire. He issued dispensations for sixteen new Lodges. He takes correct position on the objecting question, and we quote the following with *marked approval*:

"On a former occasion I called attention to the subject of rejection and objection.

"It is a question that is entitled to the serious consideration of the Grand Lodge, in order that all may discriminate between what is mere shadow and what is real.

"*Rejection by ballot* is an act of the Lodge. It can not be held as an individual act, without violating the secrecy of the ballot. I think it will be admitted that the use of the ballot is the most arbitrary and potent masonic power we possess, and yet it appears by our law that its result is far less arbitrary or potent than the mere *verbal objection* which is simply an individual act.

"If a Lodge reject a candidate by ballot, he may renew his application to the same Lodge in one year and be elected ;

but if before initiation he is *objected* to, our regulations provide that the said candidate must be recorded as *rejected*. Such objection does not expire in one year, but stands during the pleasure of the objector. This presents the strange anomaly of the formal and well considered act of a Lodge being limited by time, while the act of the individual, whether it be the result of mere caprice or otherwise, stands as a perpetual bar to initiation. Apply this law to E. A. & F. C., and its injustice and inconsistency becomes more apparent, as rejection by ballot in many lodges is limited to one week, while it is held by some that objection is unlimited.

"I do not wish to be understood as under-estimating or questioning the right or duty of every member to raise well grounded objections, but I hold that E. A. & F. C. have some rights, and furthermore that unless an applicant is *rejected* by ballot—which is the only legitimate mode known to Masonry—he should not thus be falsely recorded or published.

"My object in referring to this subject is to endeavor to have removed the mist which seems to envelop the law governing these questions and within which may be hidden the cardinal virtue, *Justice*."

He decided that a Worshipful Master could be tried by his Lodge for misconduct, upon the expiration of his official term; provided the charges contain nothing as to his official acts.

He thinks Canada has a right to refuse to recognize Quebec, but has no right to establish Lodges in Quebec after that Grand Lodge was formed; which seems to us inconsistent.

We also extract the following on the responsibility of one Lodge to another:

"I have received a communication from the Grand Lodge of California, in regard to certain money expended in behalf of a member of Marengo Lodge of Illinois, while lying sick within the jurisdiction of Woodbridge Lodge, No. 131, of California.

"It appears that the latter Lodge cared for the sick brother until he died, a period of two months; expending \$641.50. This matter was presented to this Grand Lodge at

the session of 1870, but it does not appear that any action was taken to dispose of the question.

"The Grand Lodge of California has again called attention to the matter. I think that Woodbridge Lodge did what she deemed a Masonic duty, in assisting a brother in need, still I am strongly of the opinion that so large a sum should not have been expended, without authority from Marengo Lodge; especially as there was plenty of time to communicate with Marengo Lodge upon the subject. When Lodges perform these kindly services, they do it from a sense of duty; if they simply act with the expectation of being reimbursed, I fail to discover wherein charity cuts much of a figure, still where a Lodge is able to pay I think such services should be duly considered. I submit the papers and correspondence, and leave the matter in your hands to be disposed of."

And again on economy:

"I have no doubt the work of several other committees may be more or less curtailed. This should be done as far as practicable, in order to keep our work within due bounds. For it should be borne in mind that the expense attending our annual Communications is now about eighteen thousand dollars, or from six thousand to seven thousand dollars per day. This absorbs very nearly the total annual income, leaving a surplus barely sufficient to dignify the office of Grand Treasurer. As our expenses must increase annually, without a corresponding increase in revenue, the question is forcibly presented to my mind, whether the character and result of our labors or the necessities or advantages of annual legislation justify so large an expenditure, or whether great pecuniary advantage would not accrue without much if any sacrifice, by holding biennial meetings. Even if the sessions were prolonged to four days, for at six thousand dollars per day the total amount would be but twenty-four thousand dollars, while two annual meetings at three days each at the same rate would reach the sum of thirty-six thousand dollars per annum, which in a few years would enable this Grand Lodge to inaugurate and carry forward works of charity and benevolence commensurate with its dignity."

The conclusion of this address will also be read with interest:

"I am sorry this report has been so long and so tedious, but it is rendered so not only by the magnitude of our juris-

diction, but in consequence of the extraordinary event in which the Masonic fraternity have taken so prominent a part. In bringing it to a close, permit me to say that I have no disposition to regard the events of the past year with pleasurable recollections. I therefore bid it adieu with exceeding satisfaction; for in point of fatality to human life and destruction of property by extraordinary natural causes, it has no parallel in the history of the world. Still we cannot forget that commingled with its history there are some bright spots, among the brightest is the memory of the goodness of mankind, which has been so beautifully exemplified by the wonderful charity extended from every quarter of the globe; nor is this all, for although we look back with sadness upon the past year with its memorable record, Masonic and otherwise, and the eventful changes it has wrought among the Craft of this city, yet we are none the less thankful to God for the blessings of unity and harmony which prevail throughout our jurisdiction, composing six hundred and seventy-seven Lodges and nearly forty thousand members, among whom but little or no contention exists, as shown by the gratifying fact that in so large a Masonic community but nine cases have occurred during the year which require the attention of your Committee on Appeals and Grievances. This is practical evidence of 'How good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.' It is evidence too of the moral worth and grandeur of our Institution, and of its wise and beneficent laws. Let us, then, endeavor to guard sacredly the landmarks and ordinances which are the foundation and support of our time-honored society, and transmit safely to others what have come to us unimpaired."

Very large amount of local business transacted.

British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

Bro. Joseph Robbins presented an elaborate report on correspondence. Canada for 1871 is noticed, and he thus refers to Bro. Mitchell, our predecessor:

"The report on correspondence is again from the pen of Bro. E. Mitchell, reviewing the proceedings of thirty-four American Grand Lodges. Though we find frequent occasion to differ with Bro. Mitchell, and think he is sometimes either hypercritical or goes off at half-cock, he has such a hearty outspoken impatience with shams and dislike for buncombe that we enjoy reading his reports."

M. W. Bro. James A. Hawley was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Orlin H. Miller, re-elected Grand Secretary.

IOWA.

Twenty-eighth annual Communication, held at Davenport June 6th, 1871. M. W. Bro. John Scott, Grand Master; and R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master reports harmony and prosperity. He granted dispensations for fifteen new Lodges, and refused many others. On "Schools of Instruction" he has the following:

"I had correspondence relative to schools in various other localities, but without results. The brethren seem to think it in good taste to invite themselves to a school at some point where the brethren of the locality have not acted affirmatively. I have uniformly declined to call a school except upon the solicitation of the brethren who reside at the point named. More effort on the part of some who seemed desirous of having a school at some point in a given portion of the State would no doubt have given other schools; but the effort should be in favor of an exact locality, and the brethren at that point should be in favor of the proposed action."

And on "decisions" he takes a new course, and probably a very wise one, viz.:

"In view of the apparent fact that our jurisprudence is not being improved by the multitude of so-called 'decisions on Masonic law,' but rather the reverse, I have abstained from presenting anything in that line for your consideration. I am impelled to this by my profound conviction that much of our law-making, both by the Grand Lodges and by Grand Masters, has been so ill-advised and hasty that it only tends to embarrass those who need more light. There are very few things of importance which are not well understood, and the trifles that usually cause disputes might be settled either way without detriment to Masonry. There are those who will always want the advice of the Grand Master upon the particular case, no matter upon how many occasions the same question may have been substantially answered: The increase of published decisions and resolutions, therefore, only furnishes additional points for questions and disputes, and may be well omitted in the future."

In the Grand Secretary's report we find that "this year some forty of the Lodges could *not* elect in May, because the moon would not 'full' to suit the convenience of our law," which is certainly very naughty of the moon. She ought to be disciplined.

The Grand Lodge was located at Davenport for the next five years.

Bro. U. D. Taylor submitted an excellent report on correspondence.

M. W. Bro. O. P. Waters was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

1872.

Twenty-ninth annual Communication, June 4th, 1872. M. W. Bro. O. P. Waters, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. T. S. Parvin, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a lengthy and able address, with a large number of decisions which are only of local importance. He issued dispensations for twelve new lodges.

A general regulation was adopted as follows :

"*Resolved* : That for the purpose of decreasing the tendency to non-affiliation, Lodges under dispensation are hereby authorized to admit to membership Masons living under their jurisdiction in the same manner as chartered Lodges may do, and under the same restrictions as govern the latter."

A new code of Masonic trials and punishments was also adopted.

On the subject of a Masonic Orphans' Home the following resolutions were passed :

"That action on the report and resolutions in relation to the Orphans' Home be postponed until the next regular Grand Annual Communication, and that a committee of five be appointed to solicit proposals for the location of such an institution, and that the matter be referred to the particular Lodges, that they may instruct their representatives as to their action in the premises."

"That the Grand Secretary be instructed to print and distribute in a pamphlet the report of the committee on the subject of 'Orphans' Home,' the action had thereon, and an *Edict* of the Grand Master, requiring the whole to be read and considered in each Lodge, in order that their representatives may come up to Grand Lodge prepared to act intelligently in the premises."

"That the able report of the Committee on the Orphans' Home, submitted by Past Grand Master Guilbert, meets the hearty approval of the Grand Lodge, and the proposition to protect and educate the orphan children of Masons is earnestly commended by the Grand Lodge, and that the committee to whom the matter has been referred be instructed to report at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge the result of their investigation, with such plan as they may deem proper to further the worthy object."

The Grand Lodge Library is in an excellent condition, thanks to the efforts of the Grand Secretary.

Canada for 1871 receives a fraternal notice from Bro. U. D. Taylor in his able report on correspondence.

From the address of the Grand Orator we take the following conclusion :

"There is, it is true, a certain selfishness in Masonry. But it is born not of evil, but of good. It is but the result of the earnest desire of each for the other's good. I would not hamper it if I could. It is one of the beauties of the institution that it places side by side with duty the opportunity to perform it.

Oh! the Cedars of Lebanon grow at our door,
 And the quarry is sunk at our gate,
 And the ships out of Ophir, with golden ore,
 For our summoning mandate wait,
 And the word of Master Masons.
 May the house of our soul create.
 While the day hath light let the light be used,
 For no man shall the night control;
 'Or ever the silver cord be loosed,
 Or broken the golden bowl.'
 May we build King Solomon's temple
 In the true masonic soul."

Grand officers re-elected.

KANSAS.

Seventeenth annual Communication, held in the city of Fort Scott, October 16th, 1872. M. W. Bro. John M. Price, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John H. Brown, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master issued dispensations for twenty new Lodges. An elegant silver tea-service was presented to Bro. E. T. Carr, Grand Secretary for twelve years. The Grand Master very rightfully refused his official sanction to a proposed lottery, or gift enterprise, to raise funds to build a Masonic Hall. He believes "that all such schemes of chance, although fairly and honorably conducted, are essentially a species of gambling, and therefore immoral and illegal."

The new Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

Bro. E. T. Carr presents one of his first-class reports on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1871 receive a good notice. We regret to learn that Bro. Carr proposes "to retire from the Grand Lodge field *reportorial*," and he has our best wishes for his future prosperity.

Grand officers re-elected.

KENTUCKY.

We have received, in advance of the proceedings, a copy of the report of the special committee appointed by the Grand Master of Kentucky on the Louisiana Supreme Council question. It is dated October 22nd, 1872, and concludes by assuring the Grand Orient of France and European Grand Bodies "that the Grand Lodges of the United States will never relinquish their sole right to govern the Lodges of symbolic Masonry within the boundaries of their respective jurisdictions, and will resent any interference from outside powers."

A called communication was held at Frankfort, January 2nd, 1872, to attend the funeral of Philip Swigert, P. G. M.

The seventy-third annual Communication was held at Louisville, October 22nd, 1872. M. W. Bro. Edward B. Jones, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John M. S. McCorkle, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a long and interesting address. He reports peace, harmony and prosperity in the subordinate Lodges. He thinks the Lodges are increasing too rapidly. He issued dispensations for eleven new Lodges, and apologizes therefor. The Widows and Orphans' Home and Infirmary is in a flourishing condition, and is assisted by the Ladies' Masonic Widows and Orphans' Society. Two bequests were made to the Home by will of two ladies—one of \$300, and the other of \$6,000 (being the one-half of her property).

The Grand Master thinks the fees for degrees are too low, and he is a believer in the "one-term principle."

A very pleasing feature of the transactions was the Orphans' Reception. The curtain being raised, disclosed on the stage *the Orphans' Home*, composed of fifty-eight children. They were formally introduced to the Grand Lodge, and gave a number of songs, recitations, &c., of a very happy and appropriate character.

P. G. M., Eginton presented to the Grand Lodge the scabbard of the knife worn by Colonel Jo Hamilton Daviess, Past Grand Master of Kentucky, when killed at the battle of Tippecanoe, Nov. 11th, 1811, and in doing so gave a history of its travels and adventures since then.

Memorial pages are dedicated to Philip Swigert, P. G. M., and Grand Secretary for twenty-two years; Garrett Davis, P. D. G. M.; Rev. R. J. Breckenridge, D. D., P. G. S. W.; Robert Samuel, eighty-eight years of age, sixty years a Mason; Gen. Samuel Williams, ninety-two years of age, seventy years a Mason; Mrs. Catharine Read and Mrs. Emily T. Harris, the two last being the generous donors to the Orphans' Home.

The report on correspondence is by the Grand Secretary, and notices Canada for 1871.

M. W. Bro. Edward W. Turner was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. M. S. McCorkle re-elected Grand Secretary.

LOUISIANA.

The sixty-first annual Communication was held at New Orleans, February 10th, 1873. M. W. Bro. S. M. Todd, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is an able and elaborate document. In his opening he says:

"So far as I have been able to learn, Masonry has held its position firmly, and our fraternity throughout the State have faithfully and zealously upheld its principles and preserved their Lodge organizations in the face of all political and pecuniary difficulties."

And on the Grand Orient of France:

"The report of the committee, although containing some errors of fact and evincing a disposition to shield the Grand Master from blame, is conciliatory in its tone, and expresses a desire to bring back the restoration of union and fraternal relations between the Masons of France and those of the United States. I submit a translation of this report; the conclusions arrived at by the committee being summed up in the following resolution:

"The Grand Orient desires to respect the rights of every country and of each Rite, as she desires that her own should be respected, and if Scottish Masonry, represented by all the Supreme Councils of the globe, declare the irregularity of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, the Grand Orient, itself Supreme Council for France and the French possessions, will conform to the decision of the majority of the powers of the Scottish Rite.

"This action, although not satisfactory as an *amende* to our Grand Lodge for the wrong done, is yet an evidence that the Grand Orient is desirous of retracing its steps: let us hope that it will soon abandon its alliance with spurious and clandestine Masonry, reconsider its action changing its form of government, and by conforming with the fundamental and recognized laws and usages of our institution, retake its proper position among the Masonic powers of the globe."

The reports of the Deputy Grand Master and the District Deputy Grand Masters show that these officers have faith-

fully performed their duties, and that the Lodges throughout the State are generally in a healthy condition.

The Grand Lodge of Utah was recognized.

The following resolution was adopted :

“Resolved, That no degree of Masonry shall be conferred upon a candidate who fails to apply for it within one year from the date of his election thereto, unless his character and qualifications are again reported upon by an investigating committee, and a second favorable ballot of the Lodge had upon his application for initiation or advancement.”

A charter was granted to the Star in the East Lodge in the Island of St. Thomas. This Lodge was chartered in 1871 by the Grand Lodge of Colon in the Island of Cuba, but the present condition of affairs in Cuba compels that Grand Lodge to exist only in secret. It being thus powerless to afford protection to its subordinates, this Lodge in St. Thomas applied to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana to be taken under their care, and the petition was granted until such time as the Grand Lodge of Colon shall resume its public existence as a Grand Lodge.

In the Grand Master's address we find a reference to the Grand Lodge of Canada. He thinks that our exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of France was an act of direct hostility towards the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. The Committee on Correspondence also have remarks on the same subject, taking the same ground.

The Committee on Masonic Law and Jurisprudence, to whom the subject was referred, conclude their report as follows :

“Your committee consider that the action of the Grand Lodge of Canada, in the matter of its singularly precipitate exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of France, its total disregard of our resolutions of 1872, and refusal to adopt them ; its unfraternal designation of those resolutions as a “threat,” fully justify this Grand Lodge in withdrawing its Grand Representative from the Grand Lodge of Canada, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*“Resolved,—*That the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Louisiana near the Grand Lodge of Canada be and he is hereby withdrawn.”

This report and resolution were adopted, and the next day, in consequence of this action, R. W. Bro. J. C. Batchelor resigned his position and withdrew his credentials as our Representative there.

It is hardly necessary for us to make any comments on this matter, as it has already been referred to and sufficiently answered by our Grand Master in his present address, and by the Board of General Purposes in their reply thereto. The mistake our Louisiana brethren have made is in assuming that our exchange of representatives with the Grand Orient of France is an approval of the actions of that Grand Body in their dispute with Louisiana. They have also assumed that in this exchange we have been actuated by hostility to them. In both of these suppositions they are wrong. We met the circular of the Grand Orient of France about “color, race, or religion” by a declaration that “no distinction of race, color, or religion has ever been recognized as a qualification for initiates by the Grand Lodge of Canada,” but we never upheld or attempted to uphold that the Grand Orient of France was right in recognizing any Body but the Grand Lodge of Louisiana as having control over the three degrees of Craft Masonry in that jurisdiction. We think Louisiana is right in this dispute; but we cannot see why, on that account, we should break up fraternal intercourse with a Body with whom we have been in friendly communication for a number of years, and who has never done *us* any harm.

As to the exchange of Representatives occurring at the particular time it did, we can only say that it was a coincidence which might have led a Grand Lodge in the position of Louisiana to think that it was done with no friendly intentions; but another Grand Lodge not in their peculiar position would have taken no notice of it except as an item of news; and another Grand Lodge even in exactly the same position, if not anxious to take offence, would probably have

made full inquiries into all the circumstances, and would have sent a remonstrance or asked for an explanation, before resorting to extreme measures. We can assure our Louisiana brethren that we were not actuated by the slightest feeling of hostility to them, that no such feeling was even thought of, and we are sorry that they should have so misconceived our action in this matter. We hope that they will shortly resume our former friendly and fraternal relations.

The report on Foreign Correspondence is signed by Bros. James B. Scot, Joseph P. Horner and G. H. Braughn. It is a voluminous document of one hundred and seventy-six pages, and has evidently been prepared with great care and by experienced hands. The comments on almost every conceivable subject are more extensive and elaborate than any others we have seen. Canada for 1872 is fully noticed.

In their notice of Vermont, after quoting the resolutions of that Grand Lodge with regard to Canada and Quebec, the Committee say :

"We deprecate this action. So long as there is the slightest chance that the Grand Lodges of Canada and Quebec may settle their difficulties by an amicable arrangement, the adoption of such resolutions are not only premature, but calculated to defeat the object for which, we suppose, they are intended, viz.: the restoration of fraternal relations between the contending parties."

In the appendix we find a very interesting "Outline of the Rise and Progress of Freemasonry in Louisiana" by R. W. Bro. James B. Scot.

M. W. Bro. Michel E. Girard was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James C. Batchelor was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MASSACHUSETTS.

First in point of date is the "report of the committee of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, on the relations of Freemasonry to Sectarianism," an exceedingly interesting pamphlet of 18 pages, dated September 13th, 1871.

The committee charged by the Grand Lodge "to consider the petition of Bro. Samuel Evans, and two hundred and twenty-nine others, stating that certain portions or features of a theological or sectarian character, contrary to the letter as well as the spirit of Freemasonry, exist in the ritual and work of the order, and desiring an investigation whether the universality of Freemasonry has been overthrown or disregarded; and seeking a remedy."

We regret that we have only room for a few extracts:

"As a historical question, it cannot longer be contended that the institution of Freemasonry is due to the London Grand Lodge. Important and valuable to the future prosperity of the craft as were some of the modifications they made in its organization, yet the substantial characteristics remained as they had received them from those who went before them. Uncontroverted evidence shows the existence in England and Scotland, during more than a century preceding A. D. 1717, of numerous active Lodges of Free Masons; and many manuscripts have been brought to light, from public as well as private archives, containing sketches of the history of the craft, and the ancient charges. These manuscripts seem to have been written at different dates in the fifteenth, sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, and appear to be distinct, corrupted variations of some preceding older original works on the same subject."

"The evidence that Freemasonry, after 1717, did continue many Christian symbols and usages, is very strong; and nothing offered to your committee has weakened the faith due to our traditions. We shall return to this again. Conceding then that some Christian usages are found among our craft in our traditions, ought we to stamp them as unmasonic and expel them? It has been distinctly put to us by an acute and learned Israelite brother, that as they are offensive to him as an Israelite, we ought to exclude them. If that is a sufficient reason, what will become of our society? A Christian may ask that allusion to King Solomon shall be expunged because he was a Jew. Another may ask all allusions to Hiram to be effaced, because he was a Pagan. The Trinitarian may ask that the Grand Architect of the Universe shall only be addressed in his triune character. The resurrection from the dead stands no better. Every particle of our religious ritual and symbols must fall under the same axe, and the Masonry we have received be extin-

guished. Religious men can meet in a society where all religion is forbidden, lest the sectarian feelings of one might be shocked, but they would not be very likely to do so. Some good men are too fanatical to come now to the Lodge. Freemasonry was not built on this plan, but the contrary. So far as we learn, it always brought men together under religious services. It never sought to banish the symbols of faith, but it did declare that every one present was free to hold his own faith. Having by preliminary process purged itself from the atheist and the libertine, it left its good men and true to their own creeds and equality."

And part of the conclusion :

"The major portion of the matters which were brought to the notice of any of us, hung upon the abstract proposition that Freemasonry in its original form was "deistic," and devoid of religious color; and hence, that its present usages should be reformed where they varied from, and be made to conform to, what we should find to be the original usages, &c. We have stated enough of the pertinent facts which have come to our own knowledge, to show why we do not think that at present the pregnant proposition has been proved to be true. There has therefore been no necessity for us to examine further than we here report.

"These main questions about the extremely ancient usages of the craft in a foreign country, belong to the domain of history; where, as matters of interesting investigation and ingenious speculation, they will long hold their place. A vote upon them by this Grand Lodge would not settle a single fact, or delay a single investigator, in continuing the search for more facts and more light, now in energetic process and long likely to continue. The Grand Lodge is not the forum to decide historical questions."

"So far as relates to a comparison of the practice of our art by this Grand Lodge and its predecessors in Massachusetts your committee, after careful search, are satisfied that no innovations of a sectarian nature have crept in. The conservation has been faithful.

"Your committee recommend the petitioners have leave to withdraw."

The report was accepted and adopted by the Grand Lodge, with but one dissenting vote.

1872.

Quarterly Communication held at Boston, March 13th, 1872. M.W. Bro. S. D. Nickerson, Grand Master, and R.W. Bro. C. H. Titus, Grand Secretary.

In his quarterly report, the Grand Master mentions his official acts, dispensations, visitations, &c. He cautions the brethren against encouraging the circulation of such trash as pretended rituals, and against the admission of imposters into Lodges, (particularly one John H. Bean,) and also against the admission of rejected candidates, by a Lodge other than the one to which application was first made.

June 12th, 1872, same officers present.

Most of these proceedings (some 50 pages) are taken up with a question of jurisdiction with the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, in the case of one Seth Winslow, who after being thrice rejected in Massachusetts, was initiated in a Lodge in New Hampshire upon some forged documents. The matter was peaceably adjusted, but the forgers seem to have escaped punishment.

It was decided to be inexpedient for Grand Lodge to legislate on the subject of raising money for the families of deceased brethren, by assessment of a fixed sum from every member of a lodge, with which we agree; as we think that had better be left to the life assurance societies.

The Grand Lodges of Utah, British Columbia and Brazil were recognized.

Five hundred dollars were appropriated for charity.

September 11th, 1872. Another jurisdictional question. A brother applies to be formally healed, who had been initiated in Golden Rule Lodge, Stanstead, Quebec, after having been rejected in Massachusetts. The committee say that without the recommendation of the Lodge where he was rejected, and without the consent of the Grand Master, the status of the petitioner is clandestine and illegal. The Lodge in Quebec "which was apparently so careful in scrutinizing the character and worth of the petitioner, as to

send its committee to North Brookfield to make inquiries concerning him, should have taken some pains to inquire as to our regulations in regard to rejected candidates, and thereby have learned, that they could not entertain the application of this candidate without an infringement of amity and our jurisdictional rights."

On the merits, however, they recommend that the request be granted, which was adopted.

Special Communications were held on June 14th, and October 7th, 1872, to lay corner stones, and on October 10th in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Bro. Charles W. Moore's membership in St. Andrew's Lodge.

The second of these was to lay the corner stone of a monument, in the town of Duxbury, on Captain's Hill, to the memory of Captain Myles Standish.

The Annual Communication was held at Boston, December 11th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Sereno Dwight Nickerson, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Charles H. Titus, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a very interesting and valuable address. He performed a large amount of work usually delegated to deputies, among his official acts we notice visits, dedications, installations, constitutions, funerals and laying corner stones. He issued dispensations for five new Lodges, and devoted much time to the improvement of the Grand Lodge library, adding thereto over three hundred numbers of proceedings. Then his address goes extensively into finances, followed by the numerous offers of assistance after the fire, to all of which he replied that they hoped to be able to provide for their own sufferers without foreign aid.

A brother who was expelled in 1846, for being concerned in an illegal distribution of Lodge funds, was pardoned and restored on condition of refunding the amount he received, and renewing in open Lodge his obligations of fealty to the Grand Lodge and its regulations.

In the report of the committee on jurisdictional limits of Lodges, we find the committee after a long investigation

and statement of the principles involved, recommend the following amendment to the constitution :

"No changes by the legislature of the commonwealth of Municipal Corporations or the boundaries of the territory thereof, shall be held to affect in any way the jurisdiction of Lodges."

This is exactly the principle for which the Grand Lodge of Canada has been contending in the Quebec difficulty. In Massachusetts the jurisdiction of *private* Lodges is in question with us it is the jurisdiction of *Grand* Lodges, but the principle remains the same, and we are glad that our views on this subject are thus confirmed by such good authority.

The committee also say "The Grand Lodge gives jurisdiction, *and no body of men but the Grand Lodge can take it away.* The only alternative was the one adopted in the Bridgewater case, that the jurisdiction followed the part of the town retaining the name, and that therefore, *without the action of the Grand Lodge*, East Bridgewater and West Bridgewater were lost to the Lodge. We have already given reasons why such a result should not follow. If it does, then we have this anomaly, viz : *the Grand Lodge cannot change the jurisdiction of a Lodge without the sanction of the District Deputy Grand Master and the nearest Lodge ; but the State Legislature can. In other words the Legislature has a greater control over the jurisdiction of Lodges than the Grand Lodge which created them.*"

In these extracts, the italics are our own. We commend them to the careful attention of those Grand Lodges who have recognized Quebec.

There is no report on correspondence.

These proceedings are embellished with handsome steel engravings, portraits of John Warren, 1783 ; Paul Revere and Charles W. Moore.

At the quarterly meeting held March 12th, 1873, the proposed amendment to the constitution was adopted as follows :

"Hereafter, no changes by the Legislature of the commonwealth, of municipal corporations, or boundaries of the territories thereof, shall be held to affect in any way the

jurisdiction of Lodges. Lodges located by their charters in particular sections of municipalities shall have the same jurisdiction therein as if said sections were entire municipalities, and where the boundaries of such sections are uncertain, they may be determined by the Grand Master for the time being."

Grand Master and Grand Secretary, re-elected.

MICHIGAN.

Special Communication, held at Detroit April 9th, 1872, to dedicate the Soldiers and Sailors' Monument, with appropriate ceremonies. From the address of the Grand Master on this occasion we take the following :

"The ancient and honorable society of Free and Accepted Masons, who are here to assist in the ceremonies of this occasion, was originally a society of operative masons or builders.

"History and our unwritten traditions warrant me in saying that many of the most beautiful temples, churches and monuments of antiquity were designed and erected by our ancient brethren.

"At this time we have ceased to be operative masons or builders, retaining only that part of our ancient institution which binds us together as brethren, and teaches us friendship, morality and brotherly love ; when called upon, we lay the corner-stones of public buildings erected for municipal, charitable or religious purposes, and public monuments. It has not, for many years, been our custom to accept or dedicate public buildings or monuments ; but, feeling that this was no ordinary occasion, we are here to-day as a Fraternity to take part in these exercises. We do this the more readily, as our Grand Lodge have recognized it by laying the corner-stone, on July 4th, 1867, and by contributing from our funds to aid in its construction."

Annual Communication, held at Detroit January 14th, 1873. M. W. Bro. Henry Chamberlain, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James Fenton, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master made a number of official visits and inspected the Lodge records, granted dispensations for five new Lodges and refused others, believing that there are now

too many Lodges. He mentions one curious case in which this question was asked him :

“ Has a Lodge of F. and A. Masons a right to donate the funds of the Lodge for the building of steam mills or other purposes of a local nature, in which a large portion of its members are not interested ? If so, should not a notice be given that a resolution for such purpose was pending, that all might be present to vote who were interested ? ”

He answered that a Lodge had no right to devote its funds to any but a Masonic purpose ; but notwithstanding his decision, the Lodge paid part of their subscription to build a steam flouring mill, claiming that they had a right to do so, as they were incorporated, and are consequently legally liable for their subscription. The Grand Master very properly arrested the charter.

He also decided that an officer cannot be installed by proxy, and advocates the appointment of twenty District Deputy Grand Masters.

A committee having been appointed to revise the constitution, submitted the result of their labors. In the introduction they very sensibly remark :

“ But there are other ideas, historical and practical, by which your committee have been governed in giving *shape* or *form* to the substance of law reported by them ; and these are :

“ 1st. That Lodges and a Grand Master existed and had rights before the creation of a Grand Lodge.

“ 2nd. That when a Grand Lodge was first formed (A. L. 5721 or A. D. 1721), the Lodges composing it guaranteed or reserved to themselves, in express terms and also under the name of Ancient Landmarks, certain inherent rights, and to the Grand Master certain prerogatives, in the same compact by which they created the Grand Lodge.

“ 3rd. That, according to the Patriarchal nature of the Institution and the aforesaid original Masonic compact, the Grand Lodge and the Grand Master may exercise supreme power over all subjects of Masonic legislation and administration, excepting only the rights reserved by the Lodges ; and,

"4th. That Lodges or their Representatives, and the Grand Master, are the original, essential and constituent elements of the Grand Lodge.

"These historical facts and general principles have governed your committee in all their labor, and have given shape to all their work; and the body of Masonic Law, now reported for your consideration, is an effort to express, in legal form and detail, this simple but comprehensive statement:

"That it is the right of the Lodge to make and regulate Masons, subject only to the power of the Grand Lodge (limited by Landmarks) to make and regulate Lodges."

After some amendments, the new constitution was adopted by a vote of 646 to 39.

An excellent report on correspondence was submitted by Bro. James Fenton. Our proceedings were received, but too late for review.

M. W. Bro. Hugh McCurdy was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Foster Pratt, Grand Secretary.

MINNESOTA.

Nineteenth annual Communication, held at St. Paul, Jan. 9th, 1872. M. W. Bro. C. W. Nash, Grand Master, R. W. Bro. W. S. Combs, Grand Secretary, and delegates from sixty-two Lodges present.

The Grand Master, in his address, says:

"So far as I am informed, our fraternal relations with other Grand Lodges are of the most gratifying character; and there has been no dissension among the workmen within our jurisdiction, that requires special notice from me or the consideration of this Grand Body."

He issued nine dispensations for new Lodges, and decides "that the Grand Lodge, having original and exclusive jurisdiction over all matters of Ancient Craft Masonry, and by rule 15 retaining original jurisdiction in all cases of its own members, I am of the opinion that a subordinate Lodge has not the power nor the right to interfere with that original exclusive jurisdiction, by instituting proceedings by way of charges against members of this Grand Lodge."

On the subject of life membership and the abolition of dues, he instances a new system adopted by a Lodge, (Mankato, No. 12) which has our hearty approval:

"The matter of annual dues, and non-affiliation, (which is a concomitant of non-payment of dues) has been a source of much trouble in the financial management of some of our Lodges.

"In some of our sister jurisdictions the question of abandoning the system of annual dues has been seriously considered; and in lieu thereof a system has been proposed, by which members shall pay a certain amount as a 'Life Membership Fee,' which will entitle the member paying the same to a certificate, which shall constitute him (financially) a Life Member of his Lodge.

"As far as this system has been adopted by Lodges in sister jurisdictions, the fee has been the same for all members of any particular Lodge, without reference to the age of the member.

"This is plainly not equitable, as a brother joining a Lodge at the age of, say fifty years, is not *expected* to contribute as much to a Lodge in the way of annual dues as a brother aged twenty-five years.

"This difficulty seems to have been obviated by the brethren of Mankato Lodge, No. 12, who have inaugurated a system which combines all the benefits of the system referred to, and is, at the same time, entirely equitable.

"The theory of this system is, that each member should pay an amount, which, together with the interest thereon at seven per cent. per annum, during his Life Expectation (according to the Carlisle Tables of Mortality), will equal the amount he would pay during such time at \$2.00 per annum, as dues.

"Their amended by-laws (which have been duly approved) *require* that each candidate, prior to his receiving the Master Mason's degree, shall pay said membership fee (according to the Table of Fees), and *allow* old members to pay the fee, or continue to pay annual dues, as they may elect. A 'return fee' is also given in their tables, to be paid in case a member wishes to dimit.

"The by-laws also provide that 'the amount so paid into the Lodge for life membership shall remain a permanent fund of the Lodge, and shall be kept invested under the

direction of the trustees, and only the annual interest realized therefrom shall be used by the Lodge for any purpose, and said principal shall forever remain a permanent fund of said Lodge.'

"The matter is submitted as worthy of the consideration of the Grand Lodge."

The constitution was amended so as to read:

"SEC. 8. That the right to visit masonically is an absolute right, but may be forfeited or limited by particular regulations."

The following was adopted:

"Your committee, to whom was referred so much of the M. W. Grand Master's address as relates to financial life membership in subordinate Lodges, have had the matter under advisement, and beg leave to submit the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge, in view of the many perplexing questions arising from the matter of non-payment of dues, recommend the life membership system for adoption by subordinate Lodges, in the place of the system of annual dues."

It was decided that the Grand Master might convene the three committees—on Returns, on Appeals, and on Jurisprudence—before the session of Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. A. T. C. Pierson, but is incomplete. Canada for 1871 is noticed, and the reviews are in the author's usual able and energetic style.

M. W. Bro. Grove B. Cooley was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. William S. Combs was re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSISSIPPI.

Fifty-fifth annual Communication, held at Canton, Feb. 3, 1873. M. W. Bro. W. H. Hardy, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, Grand Secretary.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following:

"I am happy to make known to you the fact that there has been a marked improvement in the moral *status* of Masonry in Mississippi during the past year. This may be attributed to several causes.

"In the first place, the country is rapidly recovering from the high state of demoralization produced by the late war and the events which immediately followed it, and society is rapidly settling down, and men are again beginning to be esteemed in society for their moral worth and integrity.

"In the second place, the salutary regulation adopted by the Grand Lodge, and so rigidly enforced by my predecessors during the past three years, for the suppression of the vices of intemperance, profanity, and gambling, has exerted a wonderful influence for good, and is the chief source of the great improvement in the morals of the membership of the Order.

"I determined not to be second to either of my predecessors in my zeal to realize the full fruition of the above mentioned regulation, and to that end have desired the District Deputy Grand Masters to report every Lodge which should fail or refuse to observe and enforce it, and it affords me much pleasure to inform you that out of the three hundred Lodges, but *one single*, solitary Lodge is reported; and in the hope that that *one* would reform, its Worshipful Master has been admonished by private letter, and the name of the Lodge withheld in this address. I trust my successor will not be able to find one throughout the broad limits of the State.

"There is another evil common in the land which obtained during the war, and the troublous times which succeeded it, and that is the common habit of wearing concealed weapons. That this is an evil in our State cannot be denied. That it is common cannot be denied. Is it Masonic? Masonry is a *moral* institution. Is it consonant with good morals for a Mason to carry, *concealed* on his person, deadly weapons that he may take the life of any man who may dare to insult him? Is it not in direct antagonism to the lessons of moral instruction inculcated by our grandly beautiful and impressive ritual, which teaches Prudence, Temperance, Fortitude, Brotherly Love, Relief, and Truth? If not, then I have to unlearn much in Masonry and Moral Philosophy which I have learned amiss. To say that a Mason may go into a place representing the *Sanctum Sanctorum* of King Solomon's Temple, and there, clad in the badge of innocence and purity, teach, by the most sublimely beautiful and impressive ritual ever devised by human wisdom, the practice of these virtues, as also those of Benevolence and Charity, and impress the mind with the importance and necessity of circumscribing the passions, and keeping them within due bounds with all mankind, while

he has concealed on his own person a pair of derringers or repeaters with which he may take the life of the first man who in a fit of anger should insult him, is so paradoxical in moral ethics as to tax to its uttermost the credulity of the wildest latitudinarian. What would be thought of a minister of the Gospel who would go into the pulpit with a pair of derringers or repeaters concealed on his person? or a lay member, even, who would enter his church pew thus armed, and that in a time of profound peace, when law and order prevailed throughout the country? And why not they as well as the Master or any member of a Masonic Lodge?

"I am opposed to making religion of Masonry, but I am in favor of preserving a high standard of morals in the order; and every Mason, whose conduct or habits will not bear the highest test of a *sound morality*, should be dealt with. It is upon this principle or theory that drunkenness and kindred vices are made offenses against Masonry and are punished.

"The best corrective, however, for all these evils, is a proper use of the secret ballot. Masonry was never intended for everybody, but for the *few*. It is neither an asylum nor school of *reformation*. Men, whose characters or habits need reforming, should never be permitted to behold even the form of a Lodge; but only the true and upright should be permitted to become 'The Children of Light.'"

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"Regarding the recent custom of appointing representatives near other Grand Bodies *with disfavor*, I have not, in the absence of any regulation, or ancient custom requiring it, appointed any for this Grand Lodge during the past year."

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"It may not be improper to state, in this address, that there is now in New Jersey a subordinate Lodge, working under a charter from the Grand Lodge of that State, which, at the very first meeting after it was chartered, *elected nine negroes and initiated two*, and has since continued to confer the degrees upon them. We recognize the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and, therefore, recognize her subordinates which she charters, constitutes, and sets to work. The question now presents itself, are these clandestine Masons? Nay, you cannot claim it while you recognize the Grand Lodge as lawful, under whose charter or warrant these negroes were admitted among the Sons of Light. Masonry is a *social* as well as *moral* Institution. Here all meet upon a *level*. Here we are all *equal*. To recognize these negroes

as regularly initiated, passed, and raised, in a just and regularly constituted Lodge, is to admit the odious dogma of the social equality of the races. This question should be firmly and deliberately met; and whatever the action of this Grand Lodge may be, one thing is morally certain, that I shall ever claim the privilege of selecting *my* 'brothers' and 'companions' from amongst the *white race*; and whenever this privilege is abridged or endangered in the least by any action of this Grand Body, either directly or by implication, I shall quietly wrap my Masonic working tools in my apron, and throw them amongst the *rubbish* of the crumbling Temple, and sternly deny that I am a Free Mason."

On this subject a committee reported *inter alia* :

"While we, therefore, entertain the most fraternal feelings toward the Grand Lodge of New Jersey, and commend the promptness with which Grand Master Pine acted in arresting and withholding the warrant of said Lodge, yet we would recommend that the Grand Lodge of Mississippi enjoin it upon all its subordinates to hold no intercourse whatever with any member or members of Alpha Lodge, No. 116."

But it was finally resolved :

"That the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Masons in New Jersey has been found adequate to deal with the question of admitting negroes into membership with its subordinates, and that it is the confident expectation of this Grand Lodge that she will be found adequate to meet the emergency presented by the action of Alpha Lodge, No. 116, of Newark, New Jersey."

Considerable time was spent discussing the principle involved in the following resolution, and it was finally postponed till next meeting :

"*Resolved*, That it is the sense of this Grand Lodge, that when this Grand Lodge reverses the action of a subordinate Lodge expelling or suspending a Mason on his appeal from the decision of such Lodge, such decision of the Grand Lodge does not restore such brother to membership in said Lodge."

Bro. A. H. Barkley has a very good report on correspondence. Under "Canada" he says :

"We cannot endorse the action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, nor do we believe that the Grand Lodge of

Mississippi will do so, holding, as we do, that the circumstances of the case do not warrant a sister Grand Lodge in adopting a course which, in its very nature, is only calculated to widen the breach which it seeks to heal. We trust that ere long this unfortunate matter may be happily adjusted between these Grand Bodies."

M. W. Bro. R. P. Bowen was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. L. Power, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MISSOURI.

This is the hardest work (but withal the most pleasant) that we have had yet. To make a concise report, where everything is already almost epitomized, and to condense, where everything is already boiled down to an essence, is a trial and an aggravation to the mind of "ye reporter" that cannot be imagined except by those who belong to the "corps."

Fifty-second annual Communication, held at St. Louis, October 15th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Thomas E. Garrett, Grand Master; R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, Grand Secretary; and representatives from one hundred and eighty-three Lodges present.

The Grand Master delivered one of the best addresses it has been our good fortune to read. The Order is in a flourishing condition throughout the entire jurisdiction. He does not like "the pernicious habit of mixing *business and Masonry*." He says, very vigorously:

"Leave collecting debts to agents, constables, and courts. Let business be strictly business, and Masonry remain purely Masonry, and do not mingle the incongruous elements of the two to make one subserve the purposes of the other. Grant business accommodations only at their par value, and dispense Masonic charity freely. Pursue this straightforward course, and the Lodges will be spared an infinitude of trouble in conducting trials of a character that should never come before them."

From the very large number of "decisions" we only take the following, as of interest more than local:

"A Lodge under dispensation is competent to try non-affiliates who reside within its jurisdiction, as well as its own members."

"Any by-law of a Lodge which places a restraint on affiliation to a limit of time, is contrary to our usage, inoperative, and void." This reads a little hazy, but it means all right, and is intended to apply where a Lodge has a by-law requiring a Master Mason to reside six months in its jurisdiction before he can petition for membership.

"A Lodge cannot, in its corporate capacity, sue a brother for the amount of his Masonic dues."

The Grand Master issued dispensations for thirty-two new Lodges.

This Grand Lodge does not hesitate to "seal its faith by its works" on the great question of Grand Lodge sovereignty. A Mason from Quebec, having removed to Missouri, found the doors of the Lodges closed to him. Upon proving himself a non-participant in the secession, he was furnished with a certificate of dismissal from our Grand Lodge. On this the Grand Master says:

"Here was a case in point one that involved our doctrine and appealed directly to our sense of Masonic right and justice, and an opportunity to clinch our adhesion to the great principle of Grand Lodge sovereignty with an accomplished fact. On the grounds that the Lodges claiming to be under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec had ceased to exist as legal Lodges, and that it was within the province of the Grand Lodge of Canada to issue certificates of dismissal to the former members of these Lodges, such certificates placing them in a good Masonic standing, I ruled that the certificate in question was valid and must be recognized in this jurisdiction as possessing the force and effect of a regular dimit."

We can give but one more extract from this able and interesting address:

"Application was made to me to allow an applicant to withdraw his petition; he having signed it with his eyes open, and sent it in fee enclosed with his purse open, but afterwards reconsidered and said it was all done in a 'joke.' I refused his very joecular request, and instructed the Lodge to inform him that Masonry was no joke and could tolerate no levity from others. He was said to be a good man, and

he stood in imminent danger of election. If the brethren took him in with his jovial proclivities, he ought to make it lively for that Lodge."

The Grand Lecturer held nineteen Lodges of Instruction, and travelled six thousand miles. This system is pronounced to be a success.

It was resolved in future to have the report on correspondence printed before the session of Grand Lodge.

The Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

A page is dedicated to the memory of George Whitcourt, P. G. M.

There is a sort of dry, grim humor in the coupling together of "Maine" and "Quebec" in the report on correspondence. Over twenty pages are devoted to this subject, and the able arguments of Bro. Gouley are, in our opinion, entirely unanswerable. We do not intend to give any resumé of these arguments, but there is one short paragraph which meets our views exactly:

"Study this Quebec case from every point we may, yet the palpable result is that by recognizing her we acknowledge that political action regulates Masonic boundaries. By this view, sovereignty of Grand Lodges, supported by obligations, becomes a pile of sand to be scattered by the changing winds of political legislation. No advocate of Quebec has yet been able to deny this issue. They have dodged it and bushwhacked around it, but it stands there still."

We believe that the Grand Lodges of the world will yet acknowledge their great indebtedness to Bro. Gouley for his manly and vigorous advocacy of their rights, and his skilful and determined resistance to attempted encroachment on their undoubted prerogatives.

An extensive statistical table is sent with the proceedings, giving a very large amount of information as to the condition of the subordinate Lodges. Among other things it contains the size, material, value, and furnishings of their halls; dues, fees, jewels, libraries, distances from other

Lodges, membership, records, trustees, seals, etc., etc., all of which are carefully summarized.

M. W. Bro. Samuel H. Owens was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. Frank Gouley, re-elected Grand Secretary.

MONTANA.

Eighth annual Communication, held at Helena, October 7th, 1872. M. W. Bro. J. R. Weston, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges, Grand Secretary *pro tem*.

The Grand Master decided that a Chapter Past Master could not install the officers of a Lodge. We should think not. He only granted one dispensation suspending any Masonic law, and then only on the unanimous petition of the Lodge. He says these dispensations are now looked upon with disfavor, and should be granted with extreme caution.

The Grand Secretary, Bro. Hez. L. Hosmer, having removed from the jurisdiction, Grand Lodge recorded their appreciation of his services.

The Blackfoot Masonic Association, on its dissolution, gave Grand Lodge \$137.50 for charity.

Past Grand Master Hedges received a splendid gold watch, chain and seal.

Bro. Hosmer, Past Grand Secretary, is the author of the report on correspondence, which is a good synopsis of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Lodges, including Canada for 1871. He says of us:

"Few proceedings give evidence of greater care in their preparation than those of Canada. Like the perfect ashlar, they are finished by the hands of a master workman, and bear internal evidence that the brethren of that jurisdiction understand and practice the genuine principles of Masonry."

He also remarks that Bro. Mitchell's report "is written with elegance and discrimination."

M. W. Bro. James R. Boyce was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Cornelius Hedges was elected Grand Secretary.

NEBRASKA.

Fifteenth annual Communication, held at Lincoln, June 18th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Wm. E. Hill, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. R. W. Furnas, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master reports a prosperous year, and the Lodges working in peace and harmony and increasing in numbers and strength. He issued six dispensations for new Lodges. He thinks that Grand Officers and Past Grand Officers should not receive mileage and *per diem* until the Grand Lodge is out of debt. He decided that Lodges under dispensation cannot try Masons for unmasonic conduct. He refused consent to a "gift enterprise" to raise funds to build a lodge-room, believing it an immoral practice and akin to gambling.

The Committee on correspondence acknowledge the receipt of proceedings (Canada, for 1871, included), but do not give any extended report, owing to limited finances.

The Grand Lodge of Utah was recognized.

A new constitution was adopted.

The following questions were submitted, and answered as follows, viz.:

"1. Is the God of the Mason the God of the Bible? and is the denying the God of the Bible a Masonic offence?"

"2. Is the denying the authenticity of the Bible a Masonic offence?"

"The denial of the existence of God as set forth in the Holy Bible is a Masonic offence."

"The denial of the Divine authority and authenticity of the Holy Bible is a Masonic offence."

A Past Grand Secretary's jewel, to cost \$100, was voted to the retiring Grand Secretary, R. W. Bro. Robert W. Furnas.

Two Schools of Instruction were ordered to be held at Omaha and Lincoln respectively.

M. W. Bro. W. E. Hill was re-elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. William R. Bowen was elected Grand Secretary.

NEVADA.

Eighth annual Communication, held at Virginia City, Sept. 17th, 1872. M. W. Bro. George Robinson, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John C. Currie, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master does not approve of "side degrees." He thinks that wilful non-affiliation is a Masonic offence. Three dispensations were issued for new Lodges.

On the consideration of the report on Landmarks, three were amended and thirteen rejected, leaving thirty-eight as the proper number of Landmarks according to Nevada.

The Grand Lodges of Utah and British Columbia were recognized.

Bro. R. H. Taylor submitted an extensive and elaborate report on correspondence, which is exceedingly interesting. At the end he gives a Digest of Decisions, arranged under alphabetical headings. Canada for 1871 receives a fraternal notice.

M. W. Bro. William A. M. Van Bokkelen was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Robert H. Taylor, Grand Secretary.

NEW BRUNSWICK.

Special Communication, February 27th, 1872, to adopt a congratulatory address to the Prince of Wales on his restoration to health.

Fifth annual Communication, held at St. John, September 25th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Wm. Wedderburn, Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting, Grand Secretary.

From the Grand Master's address we take the following :

"Erected in peace and according to the honored landmarks of our Ancient Institution—recognized and warmly welcomed into the communion and fellowship of all Grand Lodges throughout the world—rightly impelled by the beneficent purposes of our great Brotherhood, and by the generous 'emulation of who shall best work and best agree,' this Grand Lodge has achieved the affectionate allegiance of all Masons in New Brunswick, and stands firmly based upon

the foundation of Masonic perpetuity. Throughout the entire year, from the altar of every Lodge, have proceeded only the sounds of harmony; not a discord appears to have disturbed the gentle current of our fellowship, and many have sought the acquisition of our mysteries." * * * *

"You will allow me, also, to acknowledge the very fraternal and hospitable reception tendered to me by the officers and members of the Civil Service Lodge of Canada, on my recent visit to Ottawa, and which I accepted all the more readily as another token of the catholicity of that fellowship which is the distinguishing characteristic of true Masonry. And I am also very much indebted to M.W. Alex. A. Stevenson, P.G.M. of the Grand Lodge of Canada, not only for great personal kindnesses and courtesies while in the City of Montreal, but also for his tender to me of a public reception by the Masons of Montreal as your representative, which I was not able to accept."

The Board of General Purposes very rightly decided that "the loss of a foot is an insuperable objection to the initiation of a person otherwise qualified."

R. W. Bro. Robert Gowan, Past Provincial Grand Master under Scotland, was constituted a permanent member of the Grand Lodge.

ACTION ON "QUEBEC."

"Pursuant to the order of the day, Grand Lodge proceeded to the consideration of the resolution offered, at last evening's session, by W. Bro. Edward Willis, Past A. G. D. C., and seconded by W. Bro. Chas. U. Hanford, Grand Steward, viz.:

"That this Grand Lodge cordially tenders recognition to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, and freely extends to her the right hand of fellowship.

"Whereupon, in amendment it was moved by W. Bro. Robert Marshall, Past J.G.D., seconded by W. Bro. J. Gordon Forbes, P. M. Lodge No. 2, and

"*Resolved*, That the further consideration of the resolution offered by W. Bro. Willis, and made the order of the day for three o'clock this afternoon, be postponed for this session of Grand Lodge."

A Committee on Ritual was appointed.

M. W. Bro. John V. Ellis was elected Grand Master, and V. W. Bro. Wm. F. Bunting was re-appointed Grand Secretary.

NEW JERSEY.

Eighty-sixth annual Communication, held at Trenton, January 22nd, 1873. M. W. Bro. Wm. E. Pine, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph H. Hough, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master had issued a dispensation for a new Lodge to work in the German language. He has the following on the action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont:

"The Grand Lodge of Vermont, at its annual Communication in A. L. 5872, adopted resolutions threatening to suspend Masonic intercourse with the Grand Lodge of Canada, in case the latter Grand Lodge should not adopt the views entertained by the Grand Lodge of Vermont in reference to the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec. By an official circular received during the past year, I am informed that the threat has been carried into execution, and that fraternal intercourse has been suspended between the Grand Lodges named, at the instance of the Grand Lodge of Vermont.

"The course pursued by the Grand Lodge of Vermont in this matter is so extraordinary and, as it appears to me, so entirely contrary to the ordinary rules of Masonic comity, that I deem it my duty to give it a passing reference. The difference between the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Canada is only one of opinion and judgment. The Grand Lodge of Vermont is of the opinion that the so-called Grand Lodge of Quebec was regularly organized; while the Grand Lodge of Canada thinks differently.

"The question in controversy is one of considerable magnitude, and is one upon which Grand Lodges may differ, and, as the facts show, have honestly differed.

"The Grand Lodge of Canada is not alone in the view it entertains upon the subject. It is supported by the respectable and conservative Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Missouri, Florida, and other Grand Lodges whose names do not, as I write, occur to me: Our own Grand Lodge has not seen its way clear to recognize the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

"If the action of the Grand Lodge of Vermont towards that of Canada be correct, I see no reason why the same course may not be pursued towards this and every other

Grand Lodge which declines to recognize Quebec. The course which the Grand Lodge of Vermont has seen fit to pursue, is only to be regretted as tending to postpone an amicable settlement of the vexed question involved. Recent advices from Canada have given reason to hope that the difficulty might be settled upon Masonic principles. Nothing is better calculated to prevent a consummation so devoutly to be wished, than the threat and action of Vermont. If concessions were as plenty as blackberries, the Grand Lodge of Canada could not be expected to make them upon compulsion."

The committee on masonic jurisprudence, to whom was referred the document received from the Grand Orient of Brazil, requesting an exchange of Representatives, reported:

"That they have ascertained that the Grand Orient of Brazil is organized under what is known as the 'Ancient and Accepted' or 'Scotch' Rite, the ritual of which is composed of a large number of degrees which are not recognized by this Grand Lodge, and with the secrets of which only a meagre minority of this Society is familiar. If an exchange of Grand Representatives with the Grand Orient of Brazil were agreed to, the selection of the Grand Representatives from New Jersey would necessarily be restricted to the very few members of this Grand Lodge who are familiar with the 'Scotch' Rite, and who could gain admission to the Grand Orient of Brazil when in session.

"Your committee are of opinion that it would be derogatory to the dignity of this Grand Lodge to exchange Representatives with any organization claiming to be masonic, from whose communications any member of this Grand Lodge would be excluded.

"Your committee therefore report that it is not expedient for this Grand Lodge to comply with the request of the Grand Orient of Brazil."

And the report was adopted.

The report of the same committee on "representatives," was also adopted as follows:

"The document presented from the Grand Lodge of Vermont, constituting Bro. Leonard Sargent the representative from Vermont to this body, has been referred to your committee.

"The only peculiarity in this matter lies in the fact that Bro. Sargent is not a member of this body. Your committee, however, are of the opinion that there is nothing in this variation from ordinary custom which should prevent the reception of the communication, and the recognition of Bro. Sargent as the representative of Vermont in this body. It should be understood that Bro. Sargent does not by such recognition become a permanent member of this Grand Lodge, and that he is not entitled to vote or voice therein, except it should be necessary for him to present some matter immediately affecting the Grand Lodge from which he is accredited. Your committee are also of opinion that if Bro. Sargent desires to continue this relation to this Grand Lodge, his authority should be annually renewed.

"Your committee are very strongly of the opinion that the plan of the Grand Lodge of Vermont in this matter is the correct one. The present system of an exchange of Grand Lodge representatives, is little better than a farce. If it were possible to perfect a plan by which delegates from this Grand Lodge could be appointed and authorized to visit Grand Lodges in this vicinity, for the purpose of presenting the fraternal congratulations of this Grand Lodge, and if the courtesy could be reciprocated, the interest of our annual Communications would be greatly enhanced."

Comp. Hough the Grand Secretary, writes an able and elaborate report on correspondence. Our proceedings for 1871 are kindly noticed, and extracts given. Commenting on California, he says of Quebec:

"It is unnecessary for us to say to the readers of our recent reports that we concur with the views of the majority of the committee. Having examined the question for ourselves, and arrived at the clear conviction that the secession of the Grand Lodge of Quebec was an act of sheer insubordination, and the fruit of unhallowed ambition, that its recognition has struck the severest blow against the great doctrine of exclusive Grand Lodge sovereignty which that doctrine has ever received, we would not fail to oppose its admission into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges, without the consent of Canada, even if we stood solitary and alone in our opposition. Upon a question of such great importance, we would not yield our convictions or sense of duty to follow a multitude to do what we thought to be evil."

He strongly advocates the "United States Masonic Monroe Doctrine"; says the ignorance of foreigners as to localities

in this country is surprising, and recommends a convention of representatives of all the Grand Lodges of the United States to pronounce the views of the American craft upon the subject of exclusive Grand Lodge jurisdiction, as he concludes "that the isolated action of individual Grand Lodges is powerless to prevent the innovation."

Grand officers re-elected.

NEW YORK.

Annual Communication, held at New York, June 4th, 1872. M. W. Bro. John H. Anthon, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a brief address. Numerous corner-stones were laid during the year, among them the new State Capitol at Albany, on June 24th, the ceremonies of which are given in full in the proceedings.

Reports were also presented from the District Deputy Grand Masters of the twenty-five districts, and the District Deputy Grand Master for the twenty-one Lodges working in the German tongue, which give a large amount of information, and show the Lodges generally to be in a flourishing condition.

The Hall and Asylum Fund shows the sum of \$621,463.81 invested on building and property on Sixth Avenue.

The New York City Board of Relief had received during the year \$5,941.18, and expended in charity \$4,822.79 among 470 applicants from different places (among them, Canada \$45.00).

The Grand Lodges of Utah and British Columbia were recognized.

Fourteen hundred and sixty-eight dollars were appropriated to charity.

A petition for the appointment of a special committee, to investigate the discontent prevailing among the fraternity in relation to sectarianism in Masonry, was granted, said committee to report at the next meeting.

The Grand Secretary was instructed to notify the Lodges of the existence of a clandestine Lodge, called Devonshire Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by Bros. E. P. Breed, Joseph D. Evans and S. H. Johnson, reviewing forty State Grand Lodges and several in Canada and Europe, including our proceedings for 1871.

M. W. Bro. Christopher G. Fox was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. James M. Austin, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NORTH CAROLINA.

Eighty-sixth annual Communication, held at Raleigh, December 2nd, 1872. M. W. Bro. Charles C. Clark, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Donald W. Bain, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master quotes the ceremony of public Masonic baptism under the A. and A. Rite, which he does not believe in, and thus comments on it:

“What means this imitative assemblage of illustrious dignitaries? What mean these children—these sponsors—these god-mothers—this basin—this perfumed water—this dipping—aye, this *Masonic baptism*? Brethren, what means all this *tomfoolery*? We have no such Masonry as that in North Carolina, and we want no such Masonry as that in North Carolina. The creative genius of Masonry is libelled, and she seeks a vindication. Masonry does not imitate. She borrows not from Pagan nor Christian—from Gentile nor Jew. And right well assured am I, that if the droll necessity were inflicted on Masonry to get up a baptism ‘on her own hook,’ she would bring forth no such medley, heterogeneous affair as that. What it would be, I don’t think any living man, no matter how thrice illustrious he might be, could tell. Yet, that it would be original—*rara avis, sui generis*—who can doubt? One thing I do know, however, that those ‘god-mothers,’ and that ‘dipping,’ would certainly be left out.”

He thinks that a Mason has not the right to become non-affiliated, and allows the admissibility of the demand for the “previous question” in debates in Masonic Lodges, with neither of which opinions can we agree.

He believes in the dissemination of the correct work, and decided that as a majority has power to suspend indefinitely, so a majority can reinstate.

Fourteen new Lodges were established.

Considerable discussion took place about St. John's College, and resolutions were finally passed as under :

"*Resolved*, 1. That St. John's College shall be made an asylum for the protection, training and education of indigent orphan children.

"2. That this Grand Lodge will appropriate \$500 annually for the support of the institution, but will not assume any additional pecuniary responsibility.

"3. That this Grand Lodge elect a Superintendent, who shall control the institution and solicit contributions for its support from all classes of our people.

"4. That orphan children in the said Asylum shall be fed and clothed, and shall receive such preparatory training and education as will prepare them for useful occupations and for the usual business transactions of life."

The committee on the Grand Master's address say :

"As to the call of the previous question, the Grand Master's decision is in accordance with the laws of the Grand Lodge. Still it is the opinion of the Committee that the object of the call of the previous question is the exercise by the Lodge of that which has, from time immemorial, been the prerogative of the Grand Master."

And the matter was afterwards correctly disposed of thus :

"Bro. R. W. York moved to amend section 7, of Art. II. of the By-Laws of the Grand Lodge, by adding thereto the words, 'except the previous question,' which was adopted by the requisite two-thirds majority."

The section as amended is as follows :

"On all other matters the rules which generally govern deliberative assemblies shall be observed, except the previous question."

Resolutions were also adopted as follows :

"*Resolved*, That willful non-affiliation is a violation of Masonic law, and should be placed on the same footing with every other Masonic offence.

“Resolved, That subordinate Lodges should punish every violation of Masonic law where the offender is duly convicted.

“Resolved, That resolution No. 2, on page 30 of the last Grand Lodge Proceedings, be and the same is hereby rescinded.

“Resolved, That suspension does not deprive a Mason of membership in his Lodge.

“Resolved, That a majority vote is sufficient to restore a suspended Mason to the rights and benefits of Masonry.”

No report on correspondence.

M. W. Bro. John Nichols was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, re-elected Grand Secretary.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Semi-annual Communication, December 6th, 1871.

It was resolved that no brother not a member of Grand Lodge shall be eligible to office therein. Also, that canvassing for office is to be discountenanced.

Two new Lodges received dispensations.

Seventh annual Communication, held at Halifax June 5th, 1872. R. W. Bro. Allan H. Crowe, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; R. W. Bro. Benjamin Curren, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, M. W. Bro. Alex. Keith, was absent through illness. His address was read. He has been fifty-six years a Mason, and for fifty-four years a member of Virgin Lodge, in Halifax, and is still full of zeal for the welfare and prosperity of the Craft. He was Provincial Grand Master for over thirty years. He reports the Lodges progressing harmoniously.

The Deputy Grand Master had visited a large number of Lodges, and submitted a good report thereon of over ten pages.

A large amount of local business was transacted.

The subject of the formation of a Grand Lodge charity fund was deferred till next year.

Pages are dedicated to the memory of Samuel F. Raymond, Grand Junior Warden, and Isaac Melvin, Past Grand Senior Warden.

Canada for 1871 is noticed in the very able and interesting report on correspondence, by Bro. Geo. T. Smithers.

Grand officers, re-elected.

OHIO.

Sixty-third annual Communication, held at Columbus, October 15th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Alex. H. Newcomb, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John D. Caldwell, Grand Secretary.

Charters were granted to ten new Lodges.

At the election of officers a Brother was elected Grand Junior Warden, but before the installation he was found to be ineligible, not being a W. M. or P. M. It was ruled that there was no election, and the office was declared vacant and a new election held.

In 1870 Grand Lodge resolved to establish a "Widow and Orphans' Home." It was now decided not to take any further action, and to return the moneys collected to the donors.

A memorial for investigation into the legitimacy of certain "colored Masons" was postponed indefinitely.

Bro. A. H. Washburne, as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Canada, was received, in ample form, with Masonic honors, and addressed the Grand Lodge.

The report on correspondence is by Bro. Allan T. Brinsmade, and is exceedingly well written, clear and concise. Canada for 1871 is kindly noticed.

M. W. Bro. Asa H. Battin was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. D. Caldwell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

OREGON.

Twenty-first annual Communication, held at Salem, June 19th, 1871. M. W. Bro. D. G. Clark, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Hurford, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master issued two dispensations for new Lodges, and refused three others. He is properly very cautious in granting *special* dispensations, having only approved one out of a number of applications. He thinks that "nine-tenths of the special dispensations granted do more harm than good," and he has the courage to act up to his opinions.

It was resolved that "this Grand Lodge at once discontinue the appropriation of its funds for Masonic charities, and that all claims for assistance be made upon subordinate Lodges under whose jurisdiction wards or those entitled to benefits may reside." This action was the result of some favoritism previously exercised in Grand Lodge, and also the feeling that the matter properly belonged to the subordinate Lodges, where the circumstances of the applicants would be better known.

On a trial, the accused pleaded guilty. The W. M. put the question to the Lodge of "guilty, or not guilty?" and the Lodge decided that he was not guilty. Grand Lodge decided that the Lodge should at once fix the punishment. We suppose the accused must have been notorious for untruthfulness, and so the Lodge wouldn't believe him! But we cannot see how they could fix the punishment before conviction. Grand Lodge should have ordered the Lodge to find him guilty first.

Canada does not appear in the very readable and talented report on correspondence by Bro. S. F. Chadwick.

A special Communication was held at Portland on June 29th, 1871, to lay the corner-stone of a Masonic Temple.

M. W. Bro. W. D. Hare is Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. J. E. Hurford, Grand Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA.

A fine engraving of the magnificent Masonic Temple at Philadelphia is the frontispiece.

Three quarterly meetings for local business. The Grand Master decided that one Lodge cannot confer degrees on members of another Lodge, even by request.

Annual Communication, held at Philadelphia, December 4th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Samuel C. Perkins, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Thomson, Grand Secretary.

The Library Committee reported progress, acknowledging numerous contributions.

Present cost of the new Temple and site, \$1,146,586.05; yet required to finish it, \$106,384.18.

The establishment of a Masonic Home, for indigent brethren, widows and orphans, was strongly recommended to subordinate Lodges.

The sum of \$300,000 was appropriated to complete the Temple and furnish it.

British Columbia and Utah were recognized:

The Charity Fund expended \$2,931.25 in the relief of 160 applicants.

The "Stephen Girard" Charity Fund expended \$2,730.00 among ninety-six applicants.

It was resolved, on an appeal, "That the pendency of suits in courts of justice, arising out of the same facts as are made the subject of a Masonic complaint, is a sufficient reason, in this case, for refusing to investigate the charges preferred."

Canada, for 1871, is fraternally noticed in the report on correspondence, which is an able and lengthy review by Bro. H. M. Dechert.

All the Grand Officers were re-elected.

RHODE ISLAND.

The Festival of St. John the Baptist, 1871, was observed by the Grand Lodge by informally assembling, with their families and friends, at Rocky Point. All the twenty-five Lodges (except three) in the State were represented; addresses were delivered; the "inner man" was refreshed; choicest music was provided; the weather was charming and all enjoyed themselves so well that they desire to repeat the operation in future years.

Semi-annual Communication, held at Providence, November 20th, 1871.

The "work" was presented and adopted.

Eighty-second annual Communication, held at Providence, May 20th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Thomas A. Doyle, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Charles D. Greene, Grand Secretary.

From the address of the Grand Master we take the following decisions:

"1. That a dwarf in stature was eligible to Masonic membership if he was a man possessing proper internal qualification. That there was no required standard as to the height or weight of candidates.

"2. That a brother was in good standing although the Lodge had charges to him of from three to seven years' standing, Masonic dues not being recognized in this jurisdiction.

"3. That stewards and all officers above them being elected officers, in case the brother chosen to fill either of these places refuses to be installed, the vacancy must be filled by the Master at each communication, or a dispensation may be obtained to elect a brother to the vacant place."

M. W. Bro. Doyle retires, after seven years service as Grand Master, and M. W. Bro. Lloyd Morton is elected in his place, whereupon "the M. W. Grand Master appoints a committee to wait upon the R. W. Bro. Lloyd Morton, and inform him that the representatives of the Craft in Grand Lodge assembled have chosen him to be Grand Master of Masons in this jurisdiction for the year ensuing, and request him to do the Craft the honor to accept the position; and if the R. W. Brother complied with their request, to introduce him to the Grand Lodge."

The committee having performed their duty, returned to the Grand Lodge accompanied by the Grand Master elect, who was received with the honors due to his position, and duly installed.

No report on correspondence.

R. W. Bro. Edwin Baker was elected Grand Secretary.

SOUTH CAROLINA.

Annual Communication, held at Charleston, December 10th, 1872. M. W. Bro. R. S. Bruns, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. B. Rush Campbell, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master issued ten dispensations for new Lodges, and reports prosperity in the Order throughout the State. We quote the following from his address, as interesting:

"On the 26th of March, I received a petition for a dispensation from the brethren of 'The Star in the East Lodge,' located at St. Thomas, which petition entreated that they be allowed to continue their work under our sanction and authority. The cause of the application I understand to be this: The subordinate Lodges on the Island of St. Thomas hold their charters from the Supreme Council of France and the Grand Lodge of Denmark. 'The Star in the East Lodge,' holding its charter from the Grand Lodge of Colon, Cuba, was refused recognition, on the ground that the said Grand Body was not known to be in existence. The brethren of the Lodge making the application for a dispensation to continue their labors are good and true Masons, and have acted throughout the entire affair in good faith. At first they applied to Bro. Andrew Cassard, of New York, to procure them a warrant from the Supreme Council of the United States for the Southern jurisdiction, but he informed them that the Supreme Council did not grant charters to symbolic Lodges, even abroad, and advised them to apply to the Grand Lodge of Colon, Cuba. This they did, and were put in possession of their charter. Not being recognized by their sister Lodges on the Island as legitimate, they sought relief from me.

"In regard to Spanish Lodges, it appears by our records, that on March 29th, 1818, a warrant of constitution was granted by this body to La Constancia Lodge, No. 50; and again, on the 31st March, 1819, one year later, a warrant was granted in like manner for the establishment of La Amenidad Lodge, No. 52, both in the city of Havana. In a few years these Lodges surrendered their charters and ceased to exist, in consequence, it is said, of the political and religious state of affairs to which they were subjected by the Spanish Government. A warrant was afterwards granted

in the year 1859, to St. Andrew's Lodge, No. 93, for the purpose of establishing, with two other Lodges already existing on the Island, a Grand Orient of Cuba. The object having been accomplished, St. Andrew's Lodge has been withdrawn from this jurisdiction. It is needless to say that, under the circumstances, the prayer of the petitioners was not granted; but I am happy to be informed that the entire difficulty has been settled, and we bid her success in her labors."

A "new massive and elegant" Masonic Temple has been completed in Charleston at a cost of some \$35,000, and it was dedicated with imposing ceremonies.

The reports of the District Deputy Grand Masters show a large amount of work performed in visits, &c. This is a new feature with them, and we are informed that it has worked well and smoothly.

Canada is noticed in the report on correspondence by the Grand Secretary.

Grand officers, re-elected.

TENNESSEE.

Fifty-ninth annual Communication, held at Nashville, November 11th, 1872. R. W. Bro. D. R. Grafton, Deputy Grand Master, presiding; R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, W. M. Dunaway, died on the 27th of August, 1872, deeply mourned by the community.

Four new Lodges received dispensations.

Funeral masonic rites were decided to be not a right, but a courtesy, and this correct rule was adopted concerning them:

"It shall be the duty of each subordinate Lodge to bury a deceased worthy member thereof (if deemed worthy by the Lodge) with Masonic rites, if requested by the decedent, or by his near relatives after his death; in all other cases, such Masonic honors may be granted, or withheld, as the Lodge may deem best."

"Dropping from the rolls" for non-payment of dues was considered a modern innovation and has failed to meet the

exigencies of the case, and that the offenders should be suspended.

Suspension or expulsion was recommended for a persistent habit of profane swearing; and also for keeping a tippling saloon after being requested and admonished by the Lodge or brethren to abandon the same.

A Lodge of Sorrow was held in memory of the deceased Grand Master, at which the usual impressive ceremonies were performed and a eulogy delivered.

From the very able and interesting report on correspondence by Bro. George S. Blackie, we take the following:

"There are not very many striking Masonic events to illuminate our calendar of the year. The noble expression of fraternal love displayed by precept, by example, by friendly advice, and substantial relief in the care of our suffering brethren of the north western States; the continued struggle carried on in the Dominion of Canada; the formation of the Grand Lodges of Utah and British Columbia; the success of the league of the Grand Lodges of Germany; the stubborn adherence of the Grand Orient of France to her position of hostility to the American Craft; the union of the contending Masonic bodies in Brazil into one harmonious brotherhood; the recognition of the Grand Orient of Mexico by its American neighbors; the formation of the Grand Orient of Greece; and the decease of our own beloved and much lamented Grand Master, and the Royal Grand Master of Sweden, are probably all. But there has been a wonderful advance made, as we have said, in light, and life, and energy. The Craft is multiplying with its past rapidity. A glance at our carefully-compiled tables, and a comparison of them with previous years, will readily convince us of this"

Canada, for 1871, receives a good notice. We are indebted to Bro. Blackie for reviews of the Grand Orients of Brazil and Chili:

BRAZIL.

"The most important event of the year occurring in this jurisdiction is the happy termination of all disputes existing between the Grand Orient Benedictinos and the Grand Orient de Lavadrio. Since the union, we have received two numbers of the *Boletim*—those for June and July, 1872. This is a sort of fusion of an official report and a Masonic

magazine. It tells us that the union of these two bodies has been a great step gained both for Freemasonry and for the country, and a great advance toward settling the questions of political and religious freedom. The union of the two bodies has given very general satisfaction at home and abroad. The June *Bulletin* publishes the articles of consolidation as agreed upon between the powers, and the minutes of various sessions of the bodies, including that of the 29th of May, 1872, at which three hundred and thirteen members were present, and at which the officers were elected. Bro. Albert Goodall is the chief correspondent in the United States. He sent the commission of a Representative of the Grand Lodge of Mississippi. The new body is sound on the American question, and has a resolution declaring their refusal to entertain relations with any Grand body which does not respect the doctrine of American exclusive jurisdiction, and their co-operation with Louisiana in respect to the Grand Lodge of Hamburg. The Grand Lodges of Alabama, New Hampshire, and Nebraska also send Representatives. The Committee of Organization report that they have determined that the standing Constitution shall be discussed and determined in the Masonic year 5873, after the Representatives of the Grand Orient shall have received the necessary powers from their brethren. The first article of the number contains a declaration of the task which Masonry in Brazil has to perform, the establishment of compulsory primary education, liberty of conscience, and philanthropy. Friendly relations have been established with the Grand Lodge of Peru, and the death of Bro. Antonio F. Du Corta, active member of the Supreme Council and Representative of the Grand Lodge of New Hampshire, is announced. In the July number, we find an article on the relations of the American Grand Lodges and the Grand Orient of France, and the hope of healing the difficulties is expressed. The recognition by the Grand Lodge of Maine has been received. The action of the Grand Orient de Lavadrio in regard to France, of course, now the action of the United Grand Orient, we insert here, it being interesting as the only case in which a South American Grand body has stood up for the doctrine of American sovereignty of Grand Lodges:

“1. The Grand Orient of Brazil resolves to consider as spurious and illegitimate the so-called Supreme Council for the free, sovereign, and independent State of Louisiana.

“2. The Grand Orient resolves to protest against the right that the Grand Orient of France has arrogated to itself

of preaching violent reforms, setting up itself as superior to all the Masonic powers of the world.

“‘3. The Grand Orient resolves to consider that the Grand Orient of France has attacked unlawfully the jurisdictional rights of the Supreme Council for the Southern jurisdiction of the United States, recognizing an unlawful, illegitimate, and spurious body of expelled Masons as a lawful Supreme Council of the 33rd Degree, its peer and equal.

“‘4. The Grand Orient resolves to consider that the Grand Lodge of the State of Louisiana has been injured in her just and lawful prerogatives by the Decree of the Grand Orient of France.

“‘5. The Grand Orient resolves to consider that the submission of the Grand Orient of France, burning its incense at the foot of the throne of Bourbons and Bonapartes, is a flagrant violation of its apostleship of liberty, equality, and fraternity.

“‘6. The Grand Orient resolves to communicate to all the Lodges of its jurisdiction that its Temples are closed against all Masons of the Grand Orient of France, and that all Masons of its jurisdiction are forbidden to visit any bodies of that jurisdiction, or to recognize as Masons any who acknowledge the supremacy of that Grand Orient.

“‘7. The Grand Orient resolves that this suspension of amicable relations will continue until the Grand Orient of France retires its Decree of 8th July, 1869, and the dispositions in reference to the so-called Supreme Council for Louisiana.

“‘8. The Grand Orient resolves to recognize as the sole legitimate Supreme power of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite in France, and for its dependencies, the Supreme Council of the 33d Degree, installed in the year 1804, by the Count de Grasse, under authority of the Supreme Council of Charleston, and over which the Ill. Bro. A. Cremieux presides, and of which the Ill. Bro. Vicomte de la Jonquiere is Secretary-General.

“‘9. The Grand Orient resolves to have translated into English, and to have printed, in order that it may be directed to the American powers, that part of the report of the Committee of Foreign Correspondence in reference to the protest of the Supreme Councils of the United States of America.’

"Dr. Antonio Felix Martius has been elected Grand Master of the united body, and Dr. Alexandrio Freire do Amaral, Grand Secretary. A circular, of the 2d of September, notifies us of the election of Dr. Joaquim Saldanha Marinho as Grand Master for the present year."

CHILI.

"GRAND LODGE.—The *Boletin Oficial*, for 1872, has been received. The report of the Grand Master announces internal prosperity and good prospects; the consecration of two new Lodges; large contributions by the Craft for the erection of a Masonic Temple at Valparaiso; a satisfactory explanation of the action of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in her establishment of Lodges in the jurisdiction; and exchange of Representatives with the Grand Lodges of Missouri, Brazil, and Central America. The Grand Lodge has nine subordinates. Their strength is not given, but last year the seven Lodges had eight hundred and seven members. Javier Villaneuva, of Valparaiso, is Grand Master, and Jose Maldonado, of Valparaiso, Grand Secretary. The Grand Lodge has Representatives at the Grand Lodges of Massachusetts, District of Columbia, France, New York, North Carolina, Nova Scotia, Louisiana, Canada, New Grenada, Brazil, Hamburg, and Missouri."

M. W. Bro. D. R. Grafton, was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Frizzell, re-elected Grand Secretary.

TEXAS.

We have received the proceedings of a "lodge of sorrow," in memory of Grand Master T. J. H. Anderson, and Past Grand Master Wm. M. Taylor, held by Holland Lodge, No. 1, and Gray Lodge, No. 329, at Houston, on September 30th, 1871. The ceremonies are given in full, and are very impressive.

Thirty-sixth annual Communication, held at Houston, June 10th, 1872. R. W. Bro. Wm. Bramlette, D. G. M. presiding, and R. W. Bro. George H. Bringham, Grand Secretary.

The acting Grand Master delivered an able and elaborate address. He had issued a number of dispensations for new Lodges, but had refused *more*.

From the decisions we take the following:

"*Fifth.* Question: "Is there any law to prevent Lodges having called meetings for *work* on the Sabbath day?"

"The very language in which this question is expressed, seems to indicate the answer thereto. The Great Light by which we profess to be guided, requires us to *rest* on the seventh day from our labors, and to dedicate that day to the exclusive service of Him, whom we acknowledge and claim as our Supreme Grand Master.

"Lodges should *not* have 'called meetings for work on the Sabbath day,' except to perform those solemn rites of depositing the remains of a deceased brother in their final resting place. A great portion of the *work* of Lodges is typical of manual labor, and we should obey its symbolic teachings, else Masonry becomes a mockery, and its holy precepts 'as sounding brass or a tinkling symbol.' The Grand Lodge has, on more than one occasion, expressed disapprobation of the practice of working on the Sabbath. Would it not be well to prohibit it by edict? * *

"*Eleventh.* A suspended Mason has no masonic rights whatever; yet he may make complaint against a Mason, and if the Lodge or officers deem the charge sufficient to bear an action, the J. W. should prefer charges. The suspended member may be a witness, but his testimony must be sworn to, as that of others not M. M's, and it should be carefully weighed by the Lodge.

"*Twelfth.* If a brother is guilty of unmasonic conduct, and he makes acknowledgments and promises reformation, and the offence is not too heinous in its nature, we should deal charitably and kindly toward him; and redeem him if possible. But should reformation not follow, cut him off. There are masonic offences, however, of such nature as to preclude leniency *under any circumstances.*"

He thinks "negroes are not suitable material for Masonry," and that "the retailing of spirituous liquors is not a legitimate business for a Mason."

Utah and British Columbia were recognized.

The Grand Lodge formally consecrated Glenwood Cemetery.

It was resolved "That no Lodge in this jurisdiction shall meet, for work, on Sunday, the Christian Sabbath, except for the purpose of burial of a Mason.

"*Resolved,* That membership in the Grand Lodge does not exclude the jurisdiction of a subordinate Lodge to try and

punish a Mason, who is otherwise subject to it, for Masonic offences: except that officers of the Grand Lodge, during their term of office, are not subject to discipline by a subordinate Lodge.

“*Resolved*, That a member of a Lodge who joins in a petition for a new Lodge becomes a member of such Lodge as soon as it is chartered and constituted, and thereby loses his rights as a member of his former Lodge, as in case of dimit, but subject to the payment of dues to that time, and to suspension for non-payment thereof.”

Canada, for 1871, receives fraternal notice in the report on correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Wm. Bramlette was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Geo. H. Bringham, re-elected Grand Secretary.

UTAH.

First annual Communication, held at the Masonic Hall in Salt Lake City, Oct. 7th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Obed F. Strickland, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Joseph F. Nounnan, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master delivered a brief address. One new Lodge received a dispensation. The four Lodges in this jurisdiction are reported as well officered and in a flourishing condition. An application was made for a dispensation to pass and raise an E. A. whose memory was so poor that he could not make suitable proficiency, which was very properly refused.

“Called off” until Nov. 12th, when a constitution and by-laws, etc., were adopted.

The Past Grand Orator and Grand Chaplain, *Rev. Norman McLeod*, delivered the annual oration. With that *name*, we are sure that it must have been “well written and ably delivered.”

M. W. Bro. R. H. Robertson (*Well done, namesake!*) was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Grand Secretary.

VERMONT.

Annual Communication, held at Burlington, January 12th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Park Davis, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Henry Clark, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master refused to grant special dispensations in any case to shorten the prescribed time. He says:

"My brethren, we should look with suspicion upon the motives of a man who, for years, has resided in proximity to a Lodge room, and has not decided to offer himself as a candidate for Masonry until he is about to remove, and then, when there is not sufficient time to comply with our regulations, requests a special dispensation, as a favor to him, to enable him to receive what he has before neglected to avail himself of. These considerations have led me to the course I have taken."

He believes a member has a right to withdraw from his Lodge at any time, provided his dues are paid and he is not under charges. Such is the law in our jurisdiction, and we believe it to be the correct principle, but this right is denied in many of the States who only allow dimit on removal from the jurisdiction, or to join another Lodge. We quote with approval, part of the Grand Master's remarks on this subject:

"My own opinion is, that it is *right* of any member of a Lodge, in good standing, to request a dimit without giving any reason therefor, and simply for the purpose of severing his connection with the Lodge and remaining unaffiliated. And when such request is made, it is the *duty* of the Lodge to grant it. A majority vote, however, in the affirmative upon the request is required. This, of course, implies the *power*, by a failure of such vote, to deny the dimit. It being a *duty*, the performance of it is with the consciences of the members.

"Our institution is a voluntary one. All its members come to it of 'their own free will and accord.' They assume its duties and obligations voluntarily, and, so far as its *active* duties are concerned, the performance of them continues to be subject to their own volition. Its obligations, however, are binding for life; such as the duty of secrecy, the necessity of obeying the moral law, and living uprightly and acting

honorably, so as not to bring discredit upon our institution. A dimit does not, to any degree, absolve them from these obligations. Membership is an active duty; for its performance a Mason is rewarded by the benefits and privileges of the Lodge organization. He becomes a member voluntarily, and assumes the duties consequent upon membership for the purpose of its advantages. His continued performance of these duties should be as much at his own choice as the original assumption of them was. To attempt to compel him to continue his membership and to thrust upon him its benefits, against his will, could be of no advantage, either to the Lodge or the member. Such an attempt is repugnant to the voluntary nature of our institution.

“To take a dimit brings no disgrace upon the institution more than attends the neglect of any of the other active duties of Masons. If, therefore, a member choose to be relieved from the duties of membership and forego its advantages, he has the right so to do. If he choose to exercise that right and become a drone in the masonic hive, he should not be allowed to partake of its sweets. He should be cut off from all Lodge benefits and privileges. He should not be allowed to visit a Lodge, unless with a view to join it, nor to join in its processions. Nor should he call upon the Lodge for charity, or ask it to follow his remains to their last resting place.”

We also quote one of his decisions which is quite correct, and should be widely and thoroughly made known and acted upon :

“If a brother, through ill-will towards his Lodge, or any of its members, declares his intention to injure the Lodge, or stop its work, by black-balling candidates, he is guilty of unmasonic conduct, and should be punished therefor.”

The reports of the District Deputies show a careful supervision over the Lodges which are generally reported in a healthy condition.

Canada for 1871 is fraternally noticed in the report on correspondence.

Grand officers, re-elected.

VIRGINIA.

Annual Communication, held at Richmond, December 9th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Robert E. Withers, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. John Dove, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master issued eleven dispensations for new Lodges. From a number of his decisions we take the following :

"12. That when a Past Master, under charges, waives his right of trial before a commission of Past Masters, and consents to be tried by his Lodge, all subsequent proceedings and appeals will be governed by the same rules which apply in the case of a Master Mason.

"13. That a Lodge under suspension cannot donate its funds to charitable or other objects.

"14. That the decision of a commission appointed to settle difficulties between brethren, should *not* be published in the newspapers.

"15. That a by-law prescribing that an office shall be declared vacant, and a new election held, 'whenever the incumbent shall absent himself for two consecutive meetings of the Lodge,' is null and void, because violative of the landmarks of the Order.

"16. That a commission of Master Masons may legally investigate charges against a member of another Lodge, provided the sister Lodge and the accused both request it.

"17. That a Lodge can elect as its Master, a Mason not at the time a member thereof.

"18. That a District Deputy Grand Master should not approve an application for a dispensation to form a new Lodge, when the establishment of said Lodge would materially interfere with the prosperity of an existing Lodge.

"19. That publication in a newspaper does not constitute a legal summons."

An interesting incident was the appearance in Grand Lodge of a venerable Past Grand Master, who, in his remarks to the brethren, said that "fifty-two years ago was "my first appearance in this Grand body, and I find but one "now left who was present on that occasion. I allude to

"my esteemed and life-long friend and brother your venerable Grand Secretary."

The special committee appointed to take into consideration the education of children of deceased worthy Masons, made a report; whereupon the following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That a special committee of five be appointed to take into consideration the subject of the education of the children of Masons, and that they report at the next annual Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that the special committee heretofore appointed be discharged."

We find so many things to copy from these proceedings, that we are forced, from want of space, to forbear all comments, and have to content ourselves with simply giving the extracts.

The committee on jurisprudence, whose report was adopted, approve of the decisions of the Grand Master except one, viz. :

"17. That a Lodge can elect as its Master, a Mason not at the time a member thereof;" and

"Resolved, That the said ruling be not concurred in.

"Your committee also report adversely upon the proposal to treat a Mason who continues non-affiliated for a longer period than six months as a suspended Mason. As no one can be united to a particular Lodge except of his own free will and accord, so no Mason, against his will, should be forced, by harsh penalties, to continue a member thereof. We must be careful not to overstep the bounds fixed by the constitutions of Masonry; and your Committee are of opinion that the existing laws in restraint of non-affiliation, if faithfully executed, may prove adequate to arrest the evil."

The committee on foreign correspondence presented the following preamble and resolutions, which were adopted :

"This Grand Lodge, recognizing the Grand Lodge of Canada as the supreme Masonic authority over the territory originally assigned to her, cannot reconcile it with a proper sense of obligation to the landmarks of Masonry, to countenance or hold intercourse with any rival power within her limits. She has hitherto forbore to take formal action in

response to the application of the Grand Lodge of Quebec for fraternal recognition, deeming silence sufficiently significant; but in view of the action of many of her sister Grand bodies, and especially of that of the Grand Lodge of Vermont at its recent Communication, it is proper for her to give definite expression to her views; therefore, it is

“Resolved, That this Grand Lodge tenders to the Grand Lodge of Canada assurances of fraternal sympathy in the painful experiences of the past two years, and of the steadfast determination of this Grand body to withhold recognition of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, until the consent of the Grand Lodge of Canada is yielded.”

The report on correspondence is by Bro. B. R. Wellford, Jr. It is an exceedingly able and comprehensive paper, covering over one hundred and forty pages. The author regrets the non-receipt of our proceedings.

Under the head of Louisiana we find the following:

“We regret that our tone and style should offend the sensibility of any brother, but, as such offence implies imputation upon us, in common justice we ought to be advised of the particulars as to which we should make atonement. We presume he alludes to our closing remarks. We can, on careful re-perusal, imagine nothing else. Now, if Brother Drummond or himself had done us the justice of giving the paragraph, not a long one, of which they complain to their readers, we should be content to let their judgment, as to its propriety, go before the Masonic world without one word of defence. But Brother Scot makes a great mistake in attributing to the impulse of a moment expressions of opinion which a just sense of moral obligation, as we construe it, coerces. If we felt occasion for making defence before any tribunal which had the opportunity of reading a full record, we would feel no necessity to go outside of the briefs of our accusers. For if silence be significant, when occasion suggests speech, the condemnation of Quebec by all her advocates would abundantly justify us in this particular at least. With common consent they ignore the miserable pretext upon which the Quebec organization was based, and not one in all the host of her defenders has been found so poor as to do it reverence, or so bold as to give it place or consideration in the most elaborate discussion.

The line of defence which has been adopted on behalf of the Quebec disorganizers, is many steps in advance of what

they contemplated. They recognized the lonely prominence which was involved in an effort to organize a Grand Lodge in defiance of the orders of their Masonic superiors, and shrank from assuming the confessed attitude of rebellion. But their defenders concede the futility of the evasion, and rest the defence upon the right to rebel. * * *

"Brother Scot will pardon us for supplementing his brief and very decidedly "somewhat imperfect statement" of our argument. We think all our readers will recognize this as a fair synopsis of our position :

"1. A Grand Lodge can only be formed by the action of subordinate Lodges.

"2. A subordinate Lodge can do no Masonic act, except by virtue of a charter.

"3. That charter is granted on the condition, and accepted on the pledge, of implicit obedience to the Grand Lodge which granted it, and no man can become a member of the Lodge without a solemn engagement of submission to the Grand Lodge under which it is holden.

"4. It follows, necessarily, that no Grand Lodge can be legally formed by subordinate Lodges acting in defiance of the orders of the Grand Lodge under which they are working.

"If Bro. Scot can suggest a reply to these positions, or an escape for the Quebec movement from the application, we should be glad to have an opportunity of considering it.

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"Louisiana, of all our sisters, ought to appreciate most fully the necessity of recurring to first principles. She has appealed to her sisters, and they have rallied to her side with commendable unanimity, to protect her against the invasion of her jurisdiction by the Grand Orient of France. That invasion is persisted in, despite the interdict of intercourse from almost every American Grand Lodge. Louisiana asks now, in view of the failure of this remedy, that her sisters go farther, and interdict intercourse, not only with France, but with all other Masonic powers which consort with her. This is the logical sequence of the steps we have already taken.

"But it comes with an ill grace from Louisiana, at the very moment of her intrusion into the jurisdiction of Canada; and if Bro. Scot will pardon us for borrowing one

of his own adjectives, her *partisan* adoption through him of the cause of rebels against her authority, to invoke the aid of her sisters to protect her own jurisdiction. France vindicates her intrusion into Louisiana upon an alleged principle which commands respect. She does not undertake to *chaperone* the cause of parties who appeal from a jurisdiction they have engaged to respect, and defend and obey. Her correspondents, if they be clandestine, as we know them to be, have no occasion to ask the outside Masonic world to protect them from the penalties of broken faith, for they are under no obligations, voluntarily assumed, to the Grand Lodge of Louisiana. If the Grand Lodge of Louisiana be so false to the landmarks as to deny, not merely participation in the benefits of the Order, but a hearing for their application, to any class Masonically eligible, and the Grand Orient of France asserts, as the basis of her own action that she is, there may be some propriety in questioning her claim to exclusive jurisdiction. But no such plea can be proffered in extenuation of the offending of Louisiana. In all Quebec no one voice has yet been raised, so far as the record informs us, to assail the Grand Lodge of Canada for default in the discharge of her duty as the Overseer of the Craft. The one occasion of complaint is, that she refuses to add to the chartered privileges she had conferred upon her subordinates the right to form a new Grand Lodge to oust her from a part of her recognized jurisdiction. That complaint Louisiana undertakes to determine, and to determine against Canada. * * * * *

“Now, what says Louisiana in reply to Canada? She does not say that the Grand Lodge of Canada has been derelict in the discharge of any portion of her masonic duty, and she does not repudiate the purpose to thrust herself between that Grand Lodge and her rebellious children.

“Upon the contrary, she confesses that the act complained of was deliberately and with premeditated purpose consummated, with the intent, not merely to protect from the discipline of Canada the children of her own loins, confessed rebels against the only authority which gave them masonic life, but to compel Canada, upon penalty of exclusion from the masonic household, to recognize these unrepentant rebels with all her judicial sentences upon them, as her equals; and upon what excuse? Simply and solely that the Parliament of Great Britain has stricken from the geography of the world the name of Canada, and divided her territory between two new political organizations, one known as the

Province of Quebec, and the other as the Province of Ontario. If John Smith had been the undisputed owner, before this legislation, of 1,000 acres of land, 500 of which, with the homestead, are situate within the now defined territory of Ontario, and the remaining 500 in that of Quebec, we fancy that no intruder upon his Quebec acres could dare to ask of any intelligent court to exclude, in his behalf, Mr. Smith's title deeds and evidence of possession thereunder simply because these title deeds designated his possession as situate in the Province of Canada. It would be indeed a novel suggestion in any court of justice, but how much worse if it came from Mr. Smith's tenant, who had entered under him, and upon every principle of common sense, and common right and universal law, had absolutely estopped himself from calling in question the title of his landlord.

"What is the exact effect attributed to political legislation on masonic jurisdiction, we have never been able to understand. We deny that it has any effect, and our brethren who assert the contrary, seem to us to involve themselves in a labyrinth of inextricable difficulties, through which, even with the aid of Brother Drummond's repertory of precedents, neither he nor any of his associates have been able to point the way of the intelligent inquirer. Brother Drummond tried his hand last year in assigning a principle, but that principle asserted the invalidity of every mission Lodge in the world, disabled every Grand Lodge from chartering a subordinate Lodge, and every subordinate Lodge from working under the charter of a Grand Lodge resident outside of its political territory, and by a logical necessity involved the establishment of Grand Lodges of concurrent jurisdiction to accommodate brethren of every shade of sectarian opinion. Brother Drummond recoils from his own principle, and no substitute is proffered.

"If it be conceded that the legislation of Great Britain divested the Grand Lodge of Canada of exclusive jurisdiction over either Quebec or Ontario, and we cannot conceive why it should have done so over either, unless it did so over both, it can scarcely be insisted that the Craft were thereby involved in chaos and confusion; for if her jurisdiction were not exclusive, it was concurrent with all other Grand Lodges, and over the children of her own household, it is difficult to see how it could be questioned. If the Grand Lodge of Louisiana should charter a Lodge in Tamaulipas will not the charter be granted and accepted on condition of obedience to her?

“Again—three Lodges are enough to form a Grand Lodge. Suppose only three of the subordinates of Canada had united in the Quebec movement, or that all of them had continued firm in their loyalty, and the Grand Lodge of Maine, acting on the idea that it was unoccupied territory, had chartered three Lodges, and they had undertaken to establish the Grand Lodge of Quebec, would the political legislation of Great Britain have made it our duty to recognize this Grand Lodge, and subjected the twenty or thirty Canadian Lodges to Masonic censure for refusing to obey the dictation of the three. It is incumbent on the advocates of, or apologists for Quebec to answer these questions. This is a matter of conscience with some of us, and how it can be otherwise with any we cannot conceive: * * * *

* * * “Brother Drummond has been permitted to do the thinking of all the friends of Quebec. Her recognition has been in every instance predicated or justified upon his reasoning, and his avowed starting point involved the seed of all this, and of all conceivable future mischief, by assuming that the conscience of the Mason could be constrained by no law, which precedents ripened into customs had not established.

“The principle would have been obvious enough if it were limited in application to Grand Lodges of recognized jurisdiction, and had conceded the authority of the Grand Lodge, under which the subordinate was working, to pronounce for her and her members what were or were not the customs into which precedents had ripened. But, applied as it was to a discussion of the right of that Grand Lodge to make any such determination, it struck at the very foundation of all regulated government. If we could imagine a civil organization in which every Justice of the Peace in his neighborhood court was free to determine for himself what was the law, and required to determine it upon his own judgment, by examining all the precedents from all the courts of the United States, we might imagine a parallel to the Masonic organization on this idea.

“Brother Drummond has taken back this idea, and we would not revert to it if it did not underlie the whole controversy which his retraxit leaves still open, and expose the blundering into which it betrayed him and the Grand Lodges and brethren who accepted his guidance, without question as to the principle he adopted and avowed as the foundation of his reasoning.”

The Grand Master and Grand Secretary, were both re-elected.

WASHINGTON.

Fifteenth annual Communication, held at Olympia, Sept. 19th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Granville O. Haller, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master's address is practical in its nature, and contains useful and sensible suggestions on non-affiliation, jurisdiction, virtual Past Masters, and incorporation. He also wishes the Grand Lodge to determine the *status* of the brethren in their jurisdiction who maintain Indian women and are raising families of mixed blood.

A negro visitor applied for admission, hailing from a Lodge in Pennsylvania "working under charter from the First African Grand Lodge of the United States." His application was denied, the Grand Master deciding that they only recognized one Grand Lodge in Pennsylvania, and that not the African.

The Grand Lodges of British Columbia and Utah were recognized.

A committee reported "that, inasmuch as the laws of the land permit the intermarriage of the Anglo-Saxon and Indian, it would be presumptuous for this Grand Lodge to forbid Masons availing themselves of this liberty, whatever our individual opinion may be of their taste in doing so. But where Masons are living in adultery with either white or Indian women, thus breaking both the civil and moral law, your committee are of the opinion that all such are guilty of gross unmasonic conduct, and should be expelled from the Order upon due trial and conviction."

This report was, very properly, adopted.

The taxing of subordinate Lodges to provide a fund for representative purposes, was abolished.

Grand Lodge decided not to incorporate.

They have a subordinate Lodge in Sitka, Alaska Territory (No. 14), which appears to have got into some difficul-

ties, and the matter was left in the hands of the Grand Master.

The committee on jurisprudence presented a long report on Past Masters, which was adopted. They conclude that the "admission of a virtual Past Master to a meeting of Past Masters, to prepare the Master elect of a Lodge for installation, is an error which should be discountenanced in the future." This is quite correct, but it is rather a mild way of putting it. We should rather say, *should be strictly forbidden in the future.*

Canada, for 1871, is fraternally noticed by Bro. Thomas M. Reed, Grand Secretary, in his very able report on correspondence. He continues to withhold any recommendation for the recognition of Quebec.

Grand officers, re-elected.

WEST VIRGINIA.

Seventh annual Communication, held at Wheeling, Nov. 14th, 1871. R. W. Bro. Robert White, Deputy Grand Master, presiding, and R. W. Bro. T. H. Logan, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master had issued seven dispensations for new Lodges.

A code for the conduct of Masonic trials was ordered to be prepared.

The dues to Grand Lodge were reduced from one dollar to seventy-five cents.

Canada does not appear in the report on correspondence.

M. W. Bro. Thomas H. Logan (the former Grand Secretary), was elected Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Odell S. Long was elected Grand Secretary.

WISCONSIN.

Annual Communication, held at Milwaukee, June 11th, 1872. M. W. Bro. Henry L. Palmer, Grand Master, and R. W. Bro. Wm. T. Palmer, Grand Secretary.

The Grand Master, in his address, mentions the terrible fires in October, 1871, in northern Wisconsin, on both sides of Green Bay, which proved so destructive to both life and property. The brethren contributed liberally in response to his circular. No outside aid was solicited, but some \$4,000 was received from different quarters, showing that "the charity of the fraternity was co-extensive with the Union;" for which sympathy heartfelt thanks are returned. The committee say that all cases of suffering or destitution among the brethren have been relieved; and they also thank the ladies, who, in their impromptu sewing-circle, "met together, and went to work, and accomplished more "and made less fuss than any similar organization ever "assembled."

Five new Lodges received charters.

The Grand Lecturer held eleven schools of Instruction, which were attended by 128 out of the 165 Lodges, and a decided improvement in work was observable.

It was ordered that no lodge-room should be used for any purpose other than for Masonic bodies and for Masonic purposes. With which we agree, but we can hardly endorse the following:

"*Ordered*, That no Grand officer of this Grand Lodge (including Grand Lecturer) shall hold any office or position, as instructor, organizer, or lecturer, in any other secret order or organization whatever, other than Masonic."

Utah and British Columbia were recognized.

A brief but exceedingly sensible (no M. A. S. there) report on correspondence was presented by Bro. John Turner, in which Canada appears.

The Grand officers were re-elected.

We have received the following foreign Masonic publications: *Boletim do Grande Or.: Unido do Brazil*, for the months of June, July, August and September, 1872; *Bulletin du Grand Orient de France*, October and November, 1872; *El Espejo Masonico*, a Spanish Masonic serial, published by Andres Cassard, 33°, and intended for circulation in the South

American Republics; *Boletin Oficial de la Gran Logia de Chili*, with the correspondence of that Body for the year 1872, and a report of the committee appointed on the construction of the new Temple at Valparaiso, which has been erected at a cost of nearly \$80,000. The last number of the Official Bulletin of the Grand Lodge of Brazil contains a portrait and an interesting review of the life of M. W. Bro. Dr. Joaquim Saldanha Marinho, the newly-elected Grand Master of that Grand Lodge, whereby it appears that he has filled many high offices in the State previous to his being called to the exalted position he now occupies. The article in question states that he has initiated many reforms in the Craft, and has taken an active part in the abolition of slavery and Jesuitical domination.

We have also received an appeal, signed "THIRIFOCC, "Ancien Vénérable de la Loge Jérusalem Écossaise, Ancien "Orateur de la 1re Section de la Grande Loge Centrale de "France, Rite Écossais," calling upon Freemasons generally to use their influence in favor of amnesty in France, concluding as follows :

"Show to the world how powerfully in France is public opinion in favor of the principle of peace, and non-intervention of force ; in favor of the French Republic, which has become the *sine qua non* of European peace."

We have also to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of the Bulletins of the Grand Orients of France, Brazil, and Chili—all for 1872. Brazil and Chili are noticed under the head of Tennessee.

CONCLUSION.

We have avoided saying anything about "Quebec," as we think that probably too much has already been said and written on both sides of the subject—much, it may be, that should not have been uttered or published. But in order not to be misunderstood, we desire to state our belief in the position which we have not seen attempted to be controverted in any reasonable manner, and which seems to us to

be the key-note of the whole question—that no act of a political power can alter the jurisdiction of a Masonic Lodge.

We fear that this report is already too long, and that it will tax the patience of our readers, if they have had the courage to follow us thus far in our wanderings in foreign countries. We have tried to be brief, and to compress the proceedings as much as possible, but it is a difficult task, and we have only to hope that our endeavors in this line may meet with the approbation of our brethren.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

HENRY ROBERTSON,

Collingwood, Ont., July 4, 1873.

Chairman Com. on Foreign Correspondence.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet on to-morrow (Thursday) morning at ten o'clock, a. m.

THURSDAY, July 10th, A. D. 1873.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at eleven o'clock, a. m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members, and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. W. H. Frazer presented his credentials as Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, which were received, and our R. W. Brother was saluted with Masonic honors, and invited by the M. W. Grand Master to a seat on the Dais.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following circular letter from the Grand Orient of Hungary, which was received:

"Orient de Pesth le 2 jour du II. mois de l'an de la v. l. 000873, }
(2 Avril, 1873 E. v.) }

A. L. G. D. G. A. D. L. U.

Le Grande Orient de Hongrie, a la Grande Loge de Canada.

SAL. SAL. SAL.

Tr. ch. et tr. ven. ff.!

"Le 26 Novembre 1871 le Grand-Orient de Hongrie, après en avoir reçu l'autorisation du Gouvernement, s'est duement et régulièrement constitué.

Le 23 Décembre 1871 le Grand-Orient de France à l'obédience duquel appartenait les Loges fondatrices du Grand-Orient de Hongrie, a reconnu ce dernier solennellement.

Notre position ainsi légalisée suivant les lois et les usages de la Maçonnerie nous éprouvons le desir le plus ardent d'entrer en relation avec toutes les Grandes-puissances maçonniques du globe, et d'occuper dans cette grande famille universelle une place modeste, que nous tâcherons de mériter par notre zèle à ce travail voué au bien de l'humanité, ainsi que par nos sentiments fraternels que nous ne manquerons jamais d'exercer envers tous les ff. des deux hemisphères.

Nous venons à Vous tr. ch. et tr. vén. ff. pour Vous prier de bien vouloir reconnaître le Grand-Orient de Hongrie comme pouvoir maçonnique indépendant, et de nous faire l'honneur d'entrer en relation fraternelle avec nous.

Dans l'espoir, que notre demande sera bien accueillie nous prenons la liberté de Vous proposer le fr. Michel Kemènz, 30°, pour Votre représentant et garant d'amitié auprès de nous. Nous vous prions en même tems de bien vouloir nous designer un de vos ff. auquel nous nous empresserons de faire parvenir sa nomination de représentant et garant d'amitié du Grand-Orient de Hongrie auprès de Vous.

Nous aimons à croire tr. ch. et tr. vén. ff. que vu la sympathie dont toutes les nations ont suivi les aspirations constantes de notre patrie vers le progrès et la lumière, vous daignerez accueillir favorablement notre demande.

Agréez l'expression de nos sentiments fraternels.

Le Grand Maître,

GEORGES JOANNOVIES, 33°.

Le President du Conseil de l'Ordre,

THÉODORE CSAKSY, 32°.

Le Secrétaire du Conseil de l'Ordre,

LADISLAS HOLLOS, 18°.

Delivre: ANTOINE RICHTER, 30°.

Adresse: „Au Grand Orient de Hongrie à Pesth.“



The consideration of the report on Benevolence was resumed. (see pages 410 to 416)

It was moved by R. W. Thomas White, Jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on Benevolence be adopted.

W. Bro. J. Hurssell gave notice that at the next Annual Communication of Grand Lodge he will move that Sec. 8 "Of Grand Lodge," Book of Constitution, be amended as follows: That all after the words "such Lodge," on the third line, be struck out, and the following words inserted in lieu thereof: "the immediate Past Master to take precedence—or, if he be absent, the Senior Past Master of the Lodge then present shall represent such Lodge."

W. Bro. Joseph Hurssell also gave notice that at the next Annual Communication he would move to amend Sec. 2 of "Honorary Members" of private Lodges, by adding the following words thereto: "But if an honorary member does not attend the Lodge for a space of three years, he may, by a two-third vote, be struck off from the list of membership."

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Otto Klotz, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. E. Brooke, and

RESOLVED,—That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) be transferred from the General Funds of Grand Lodge and added to the Funds of Benevolence.

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the correspondence received from the Grand Orient of Hungary be received and entered with the proceedings of Grand Lodge, and that the M. W. Grand Master be authorized to take such further action in the matter as he may deem prudent,

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. B. E. Charlton, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, and

RESOLVED,—That the sum of five hundred dollars (\$500) be annually placed to the credit of the M. W. Grand Master, to defray his travelling and other official expenses, the year now closing to be included.

The consideration of the annual report of the Board of General Purposes was again resumed. (See pages 380 to 391.)

The minute books of the Lodge of Antiquity having been produced in Grand Lodge, and the same having been examined in so far as they referred to the trial of R. W. Bro. Franck, and after a prolonged discussion,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson :

That the annual report of the Board, as presented to Grand Lodge, be now adopted. ,

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, seconded by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake :

That all that portion of the report of the Board of General Purposes on Grievances and Appeals, relating to the expulsion of R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck be struck out,

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by W. Bro. N. G. Bigelow, seconded by R. W. Bro. Daniel Spry :

That the report be referred back to the Board of General Purposes, with instructions to report, in reference to the case of R. W. Bro. J. C. Franck : That this Grand Lodge has an undoubted jurisdiction in the case. That there is no sufficient proof of any Masonic offence.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been severally taken on the amendment to the amendment and on the amendment, both were declared in the negative.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken on the original motion, for the adoption of the report, it was declared to be in the affirmative, and the report was declared adopted.

In accordance with notice given,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. B. Traves, seconded by V. W. Bro. F. Mudge :

That the Ontario Masonic District be sub-divided as follows : The Counties of Ontario and Victoria, and the West Riding of the County of Durham, to form the Ontario District ; the Counties of Northumberland and Peterboro, and the East Riding of the County of Durham, to form the East Ontario District.

Upon a vote of Grand Lodge being taken, it was declared in the negative.

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives presented the following report :

The Committee on Credentials of Representatives beg to report that at this meeting of the Grand Lodge of Canada there are two hundred and twenty Lodges represented—one hundred and fifty-one by the duly qualified representatives, and sixty-nine by proxy.

Your Committee regret to report that there are a few Lodges who still neglect to attach the seal of the Lodge to proxies granted by them, as required by the Constitution, and would urge upon those Lodges not in possession of seals the necessity of at once procuring them.

All respectfully submitted.

CHARLES D. MACDONNELL,

Montreal, July 10th, 1873.

Chairman.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thomas White, Jr., seconded by R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, and

RESOLVED,—That the report on Credentials be received and adopted.

It was moved by W. Bro. Rev. E. M. Meyers, and seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington :

That this Grand Lodge deeply deplores the continuance of the difficulties which so unhappily exist among the brethren of this Dominion, which cannot fail to be injurious to our beloved order, and discreditable to our ancient and honorable institutions ; and earnestly hopes that the day is not far distant when a restoration of peace shall be effected, and all masonic disputes be amicably arranged. That this Grand Lodge will at any time hail with satisfaction and delight any advances which may be made to it, likely to effect such a glorious consummation, and which it can consistently accept with dignity and honor.

A brief discussion followed, many brethren expressing themselves upon the inadvisability of any resolution upon the Quebec difficulty being introduced at this session of Grand Lodge.

The mover having declined to withdraw the motion, a vote of Grand Lodge was taken, the same was declared in the negative, and the resolution was declared *lost*.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 2 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 3 o'clock, p.m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne.

Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., on behalf of the Board, submitted the following report on the

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

The Board of General Purposes, to which was referred the address of the M. W. Grand Master, begs to submit the following report :

1. The Board desires to express its gratification at the continued and increasing prosperity of the Order within this jurisdiction.

2. With reference to the Masonic Asylum, the Board agrees that there is much in the condition of Canada and Canadian Masons to render advisable a different mode of applying and distributing their benevolence from that adopted by their brethren in England, and that among us " few would be found "willing to accept a *home* which would separate them from "their children and relatives. The successful establishment of such an asylum, and the erection of stately buildings in connection therewith, in which aged Masons and their wives and widows might find the comforts of a home, would no doubt be gratifying to Masonic pride, and might be pointed

out to the "profane" as conclusive evidence of Masonic benevolence and zeal; but to produce an effect on the uninitiated is not the Mason's mission, and it may well be questioned whether such a gratification would not be bought too dear. The sole question for Grand Lodge is how best to dispose of its funds available for purposes of benevolence, and there can be no doubt that the establishment of such an institution would be a severe tax for all time on the resources of Grand Lodge, that its benefits would not, in the present condition of Canada, be availed of to any very large extent, and that little would be left, after paying the yearly expenses of maintenance, to be distributed amongst equally deserving out-door applicants for relief. "*The greatest good to the greatest number*" should be the object aimed at in the distribution of our benevolence, and there can be little doubt that the present mode of affording relief is at the same time the most economical for the donors and the most acceptable as well as beneficial for the large majority of the recipients. The Board adopts the suggestion of the M. W. Grand Master that some definite action should be taken at the present session of Grand Lodge, and would therefore recommend that for the present the scheme be abandoned, and the money with its accumulated interest be returned to the donors.

3. The Board cordially endorses the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Master that the rank of Past Grand Registrar be conferred on R W. Bro. W. H. Frazer, the Representative of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, and R.W. Bro. H. A. Mackay, representative of the Grand Lodge of Michigan near this Grand Lodge.

4. The Board regrets to learn that the friendly relations of this Grand Lodge with the Grand Lodges of Vermont and Illinois have been interrupted in consequence of our exercising Masonic jurisdiction within what we conceive to be our own territory, but which they think is not. To be consistent, they should and probably will extend their "*Federal Constitution*," and suspend further relations with the Grand Lodges of Europe and with such of the Grand

Lodges of the United States as agree with us upon the great question involved. However that may be, to paraphrase the remark of Uncle Toby to the fly, "the Masonic world is wide enough for them and us." The Board fully approves the action of the Grand Master in the premises.

5. The Board has also to regret the withdrawal of their representative by the Grand Lodge of Louisiana, and agrees with the M. W. Grand Master that it has arisen from a misapprehension of our action in relation to the Grand Orient of France. This Grand Lodge has never been influenced in its course by the opinions of other Grand Lodges on the difficulties which have arisen in the Province of Quebec, or by their recognition or non-recognition of our seceding brethren there; it has only spoken when those opinions have resulted in action tending to coerce or control this Grand Lodge in a matter which, in so far as its course towards its seceding brethren is concerned, must be decided by this Grand Lodge alone.

6. The Board hails with pleasure the signs of a better appreciation and a more accurate understanding by many Grand Lodges of the difficulties in which we have been placed, and looks forward to the time when we shall again be in fraternal intercourse with all our sister Grand Lodges of the United States.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,
Pres. B. of G. P.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED,—That the report of the Board on the Grand Master's address be received.

R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., submitted the following supplementary report on

WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes of Grand Lodge, having had under consideration the petitions of sundry brethren for Warrants of Constitution to open new Lodges, to be

named "Morrisburg" Lodge, at Morrisburg, and "Corner Stone" Lodge, at Orillia, begs to recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be not granted.

Respectfully submitted.

THOS. WHITE, JR.,

President Board of General Purposes.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED,—That the supplementay report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

The consideration of the report of the Board on the M. W. Grand Master's address was resumed. (See pages 500 to 503.)

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson:

That the report of the Board on the Grand Master's address be adopted.

In amendment,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. K. Kerr, seconded by R. W. Bro. James Bain:

That that portion of the report of the Board upon the address of the M. W. Grand Master, referring to the Masonic Asylum, be struck out.

In amendment to the amendment,

It was moved by M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, seconded by Bro. C. A. Sippi, and

RESOLVED,—That the consideration of so much of the report of the Board of General Purposes upon the address of the M. W. Grand Master, referring to the Masonic Asylum, be postponed to the next annual Communication.

The M. Grand Master having intimated his willingness to withdraw his remarks in regard to Masonic Mutual Benevolence Associations, as contained in his address,

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED,—That all references to the Masonic Mutual Benevolent Associations contained in the report of the D. D. G. M. for the London

District, and in the report of the Board, be struck out, and that the said report of the Board on the M. W. Grand Master's address, as amended, be adopted.

The M. W. Grand Master appointed the following Brethren Scrutineers of the Ballot for Grand Officers and members of the Board of General Purposes, viz.: R. W. Bros. John W. Murton, Wm. Mackenzie, and W. Bro. F. J. Menet.

The ballots having been circulated, the following brethren were declared duly elected office bearers for the ensuing term, viz:

M.W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Simcoe, re-elected Grand Master.

R. " " Thos. White, Jr., Montreal, re-elected Deputy Grand Master.

V. " " Benj. E. Charlton, Hamilton, Grand Senior Warden.

The Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment, to meet at 8 o'clock, p. m.

The Grand Lodge resumed its sittings at 8.05 o'clock, p. m.

PRESENT.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Grand Master,
On the Throne,
Grand Officers, Members and Representatives.

The election of Grand Officers was resumed, with the following result:

V. W. Bro. Fred. Mudge, Whitby, Grand Junior Warden.

" Rev. G. M. Innes, London, Grand Chaplain.

R. " " Henry Groff, Simcoe, re-elected Grand Treasurer.

V. " " John Nettleton, Collingwood, Grand Registrar.

R. " " Thos. B. Harris, Hamilton, re-elected Grand Secretary.

By an open vote of Grand Lodge,

" John L. Dixon, Toronto, Grand Tyler.

The following brethren were nominated by the representatives of Lodges, as District Deputy Grand Masters for their respective Districts, and approved by the M. W. Grand Master, viz:

V. W. Bro.	T. C. Macnabb,	Chatham,	St. Clair	District.
" " "	D. B. Burch,	London,	London	"
" " "	W. S. Martin,	Paris,	Wilson	"
R. " "	John E. Harding,	St. Mary's,	Huron	"
V. " "	W. S. Burnett,	Galt,	Wellington	"
" " "	J. J. Mason,	Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
R. " "	Robert Kemp,	Beamsville,	Niagara	"
" " "	Henry Robertson,	Collingwood,	Toronto	"
" " "	J. B. Traves,	Port Hope,	Ontario	"
" " "	F. Richardson,	Napanee,	Prince Edward	"
" " "	James Reynolds,	Prescott,	St. Lawrence	"
" " "	Wm. Mostyn,	Almonte,	Ottawa	"
V. " "	Wm. Nivin,	Montreal,	Montreal,	"
" " "	Geo. H. Wilkinson,	St. John's,	Bedford	"
R. " "	Wm. N. Kennedy,	Winnipeg,	Province Manitoba.	

W. Bro. J. M. Banghart, gave notice that at the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will move to amend the constitution "of Fees" last clause, by striking out the word "Fifty" and inserting therefor the word "Twenty-five."

W. Bro. John S. Tennant gave notice, that at the next annual Communication he will move, that the county of Perth be taken from the Huron District, and added to the Wellington District, or that a new masonic District be formed out of the Huron or Huron and Toronto Districts, as the same from its great extent involves more duties than a D. D. G. M. can properly attend to.

W. Bro. John S. Tennant gave notice, that at the next annual Communication, he will move for a committee to reconstruct the different Districts within this jurisdiction, as many of the Districts are of so great extent as to involve greater duties than any one District Deputy Grand Master can properly attend to.

V. W. Bro. J. Boyd gave notice, that at the next annual Communication of Grand Lodge, he will introduce a motion to divide the Ontario District as follows:

The counties of Ontario and Victoria, and the west riding of Durham, to form the West Ontario District;

the counties of Northumberland and Peterboro, and the east riding of Durham, to form the East Ontario District.

The consideration of the Masonic Asylum Trust report was resumed. [See pages 398 to 403.]

It was moved by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That so much of the report of the Masonic Asylum Trust, as refers to the augmentation of their number from four to five, and the appointment of the R. W. Brethren therein named as members of the Trust, be now adopted.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. H. Macpherson, seconded by V. W. Bro. J. F. Lash, and

RESOLVED,—That the cordial thanks of this Grand Lodge are due, and are hereby heartily tendered to the committee of management of the Montreal city Lodges under the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, for the ample and satisfactory arrangements made for the holding of the present Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to the various Railway and Steamboat Companies, for their liberality in reducing the fares to delegates attending this Annual Communication.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, seconded by M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, and

RESOLVED,—That a cordial vote of thanks be tendered to the committee on Credentials of representatives, for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged the duties devolving upon them.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. John F. Lash, seconded by R. W. Bro. J. J. Mason, and

RESOLVED,—That the thanks of Grand Lodge be tendered to the Scrutineers of the ballot for the satisfactory manner in which they have discharged their arduous duties.

R. W. Bro. T. White, Jr., on behalf of the Board of General Purposes, submitted the following supplementary report on

WARRANTS.

The Board of General Purposes recommend the granting of a warrant to "Temple" Lodge, at St. Catharines—all differences having been adjusted and opposition withdrawn.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Thos. White, Jr., seconded by M. W. Bro. T. D. Harington, and

RESOLVED,—That the supplementary report of the Board on Warrants be received and adopted.

W. Bro. W. A. Johnson, hailing from St. John's Lodge, 159, I. R., a visitor to the Grand Lodge, was introduced to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Officers.

The M. W. Grand Master proceeded with the installation and investiture of the new elected officers, who were proclaimed and saluted with the customary Masonic honors; the following being the

GRAND OFFICERS.

M. W. Bro. W. M. Wilson, Simcoe,	Grand Master.
R. " " T. White, Jr., Montreal,	Deputy " "
" " " B. E. Charlton, Hamilton,	" Senior Warden.
" " " Fred. Mudge, Whitby	" Junior "
" " " Rev. G. M. Innes, London,	" Chaplain.
" " " Henry Groff, Simcoe,	" Treasurer.
" " " John Nettleton, Collingwood,	" Registrar.
" " " Thos. Bird Harris, Hamilton,	" Secretary.
" " " John L. Dixon, Toronto,	" Tyler.

DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

R. W. Bro. Thos. C. Macnabb, Chatham,	St. Clair	District.
" " " D. B. Burch, London,	London	"
" " " W. S. Martin, Paris,	Wilson	"
" " " John E. Harding, St. Marys,	Huron	"
" " " W. S. Burnett, Galt,	Wellington	"
" " " J. J. Mason, Hamilton,	Hamilton	"
" " " Robert Kemp, Beamsville,	Niagara	"
" " " Henry Robertson, Collingwood,	Toronto	"
" " " J. B. Traves, Port Hope,	Ontario	"
" " " F. Richardson, Napanee,	Prince Edward	"
" " " James Reynolds, Prescott,	St. Lawrence	"
" " " William Mostyn, Almonte,	Ottawa	"
" " " William Nivin, Montreal,	Montreal	"
" " " G. H. Wilkinson, St. Johns,	Bedford	"
" " " Wm. N. Kennedy, Winnipeg,	Manitoba	"

At a subsequent date the M. W. Grand Master was pleased to notify the Grand Secretary of the following appointments to office for the ensuing Masonic year, viz.:

V. W. Bro. William Supple, Pembroke, Grand Senior Deacon.

" " "	A. D. Stevens, Dunham,	" Junior "
" " "	James W. Digby, Brantford,	" Superintendent of Works.
" " "	W. Gordon Bigelow, Toronto,	" Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	Hugh Murray, Hamilton, Asst.	" Secretary.
" " "	John Midgley, St. Thomas,	" " Director of Ceremonies.
" " "	John Kennedy, Peterboro',	" Sword Bearer.
" " "	St. John Hyttenranch, Paris,	" Organist.
" " "	C. A. Sippi, London, Asst.	" "
" " "	A. G. Muir, Grimsby,	" Pursuivant.
" " "	John Cavers, Galt,	} " Stewards.
" " "	R. D. Booth, Bowmanville,	
" " "	D. McG. Malloch, Clinton,	
" " "	S. H. M'Kitrick, Or'ngenville	
" " "	Robert Douglas, Perth,	
" " "	G. B. Reeve, Parkhill,	
" " "	W. D. Hepburn, Guelph,	
" " "	Ed. Allworth, Kingsville,	
" " "	John McLean, Montreal,	
" " "	A. R. Boswell, Toronto,	} " Stewards.
" " "	John Hoshal, Cayuga,	
" " "	S. L. Bedson, Fort Garry.	} " Stewards.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. F. Westlake, seconded by V. W. Bro. James Gibson,

That inasmuch as Great Western Lodge, No. 47, Windsor, has suffered a loss, by fire, of all its effects, therefore be it

RESOLVED,—That the dues of the said Lodge to Grand Lodge, for the year, be remitted.

A vote of Grand Lodge having been taken, it was declared in the affirmative.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. J. B. Trayes, seconded by R. W. Bro. C. D. Macdonnell, and

RESOLVED,—That the amount of Grand Lodge dues of Prince Albert Lodge, No. 183, Prince Albert, for the past year, be remitted, the said Lodge having lost everything belonging to it by fire.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. Allan McLean, seconded by R. W. Bro. John E. Harding, and

RESOLVED,—That the amount of the Grand Lodge dues of the King Hiram Lodge, No. 37, and the St. John's Lodge, No. 68, Ingersoll, for the past year, be remitted, the said Lodges having suffered the loss of their furniture by fire.

It was moved by V. W. Bro. E. Racicot, seconded by W. Bro. H. D. Stevens, and

RESOLVED,—That the dues of the Sutton Lodge, No. 227, Sutton Flatts, for the past year, be remitted, the said Lodge having lost all its furniture and property by fire.

The Scrutineers of the ballot reported that the following-named brethren had received the largest number of votes for members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, and were declared duly elected, viz. :

W. Bro. Fred. J. Menet,	St. John's	Lodge, No. 75, Toronto.
R. " " W. H. Weller,	St. John's	" " 17, Cobourg.
" " " James Bain,	St. Andrew's	" " 16, Toronto.
" " " Dr. Kincaid,	Corinthian	" " 101, Peterboro.
" " " S. B. Harman,	St. Andrew's	" " 16, Toronto.

The M. W. Grand Master was pleased to announce the following appointments as members of the Board of General Purposes for the ensuing term, viz. :

R. W. Bro. R. P. Stephens,	Ionic	Lodge, No. 25, Toronto.
" " " John W. Murton,	Barton	" " 6, Hamilton.
V. " " W. R. White,	Pembroke	" " 128, Pembroke
R. " " F. Westlake,	St. George's	" " 42, London.
" " " A. S. Kirkpatrick,	St. John's	" " 3, Kingston.
" " " John E. Brooke,	Wellington	" " 46, Chatham.

The business of Grand Lodge being ended, it was closed, in Ample Form, at 10.45 o'clock, P. M.

ATTEST.



H. W. Harris

Grand Secretary.

GRAND SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

R. W. Bro. THOMAS B. HARRIS, Grand Secretary, in account current with the Grand Lodge of Canada. Moneys received from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1872.

NAMES OF LODGES.		NAMES OF LODGES.	
— Antiquity Lodge.....	\$ 43 00	72 Alma	50 00
1 Prevost	28 00	73 St. James.....	64 75
2 Niagara.....	60 50	74 St. James.....	26 75
3 St. John's.....	94 75	75 St. John's.....	117 50
4 Dorchester.....	26 25	76 Oxford.....	65 25
5 Sussex.....	96 00	77 Faithful Brethren.....	29 75
6 Barton.....	102 25	78 King Hiram.....	13 50
7 Union.....	39 00	79 Simcoe.....	28 75
8 Nelson.....	15 50	80 Albion.....	61 83
9 Union.....	89 00	81 St. John's.....	97 25
10 Norfolk.....	45 25	84 Clinton.....	57 75
11 Moira.....	22 00	85 Rising Sun.....	17 00
14 True Britons'.....	108 00	86 Wilson.....	150 50
15 St. George's.....	106 50	87 Markham Union.....	134 75
16 St. Andrew's.....	39 50	88 St. George's.....	72 50
17 St. John's.....	33 00	90 Manito.....	32 25
18 Prince Edward's.....	31 25	91 Colborne.....	10 00
19 St. George's.....	15 00	92 Cataragui.....	94 25
20 St. John's.....	92 50	93 Northern Light.....	72 19
21 Zetland.....	63 19	94 St. Mark's.....	40 50
22 King Solomon's.....	82 00	95 Ridout.....	21 00
23 Richmond.....	114 25	96 Corinthian.....	25 75
24 St. Francis.....	54 25	97 Sharon.....	62 00
25 Ionic.....	100 75	98 True Blue.....	36 75
26 Ontario.....	56 75	99 Tuscan.....	27 25
27 Strict Observance.....	101 25	100 Valley.....	97 75
28 Mount Zion.....	9 50	101 Corinthian.....	18 00
29 United.....	45 00	103 Maple Leaf.....	35 75
30 Composite.....	31 25	104 St. John's.....	27 50
31 Jerusalem.....	53 00	105 St. Mark's.....	71 50
32 Amity.....	50 00	106 Burford.....	41 25
33 Goderich.....	46 50	107 St. Paul's.....	41 25
35 St. John's.....	32 00	108 Blenheim.....	28 13
36 Welland.....	28 25	109 Albion.....	30 72
37 King Hiram.....	35 75	110 Central.....	108 75
39 Mount Zion.....	48 75	111 Morpeth.....	36 00
40 St. John's.....	107 25	112 Maitland.....	88 00
41 St. George's.....	95 75	113 Wilson.....	21 00
42 St. George's.....	56 75	114 Hope.....	45 25
43 King Solomon's.....	55 50	115 Ivy.....	30 00
44 St. Thomas.....	38 50	116 Cascia.....	61 75
45 Brant.....	46 25	118 Union.....	19 75
46 Wellington.....	90 75	119 Maple Leaf.....	46 25
47 Great Western.....	67 25	120 Warren.....	45 25
48 Madoc.....	25 00	121 Doric.....	37 50
50 Consecron.....	37 00	122 Renfrew.....	36 00
51 Corinthian.....	6 25	123 The Belleville.....	66 25
53 Shefford.....	60 50	125 Cornwall.....	59 25
54 Vaughan.....	53 00	126 Golden Rule.....	27 25
56 Victoria.....	70 00	127 Franek.....	18 00
57 Harmony.....	45 50	128 Pembroke.....	83 23
58 Doric.....	61 75	129 The Rising Sun.....	104 73
59 Corinthian.....	49 00	130 Yamaska.....	50
61 Acacia.....	44 00	133 Lebanon Forest.....	43 25
62 St. Andrew's.....	37 00	134 Shawenegam.....	11 00
63 St. John's.....	6 75	135 St. Clair.....	55 25
64 Kilwinning.....	135 00	136 Richardson.....	28 50
65 Rehoboam.....	67 00	137 Pythagoras.....	37 50
66 Durham.....	15 75	139 Lebanon.....	71 45
68 St. John's.....	69 00	140 Malahide.....	48 50
69 Stirling.....	50 00	141 Tudor.....	21 50

GRAND SECRETARY'S ACCOUNT.—[Continued.]

NAMES OF LODGES.		NAMES OF LODGES.	
142 Excelsior	50 00	223 Norwood.....	15 25
143 Friendly Brothers.....	40 25	224 Zurich.....	12
144 Tecumseh.....	63 50	226 Mount Moriah.....	46 50
145 J. B. Hall.....	8 50	227 Sutton.....	6 75
146 Prince of Wales.....	46 75	228 Prince Arthur.....	56 00
149 Erie.....	33 00	229 Ionic.....	85 50
150 Hastings.....	20 00	230 Kerr.....	39 00
151 The Grand River.....	34 00	231 Lodge of Fidelity.....	14 75
153 Burns.....	28 00	232 Cameron.....	26 50
154 Irving.....	60 74	233 Doric.....	62 75
155 Peterborough.....	41 50	234 Beaver.....	40 94
156 York.....	50 00	235 Aldworth.....	27 00
157 Simpson.....	33 50	236 Manitoba.....	38 75
158 Alexandra.....	19 50	237 Vienna.....	27 50
159 Goodwood.....	4 25	238 Lissaglock.....	20 75
160 Quebec Garrison.....	7 25	239 Tweed.....	20 45
161 Percy.....	30 00	240 Prince Rupert.....	71 00
162 Forest.....	18 75	242 Macoy.....	35 75
163 Browne.....	47 97	243 St. George.....	29 50
164 Star in the East.....	51 00	244 Lisgar.....	57 00
165 Burlington.....	42 00	245 Tecumseh.....	76 50
168 Merritt.....	29 50	246 U. of Strict Observance.....	17 25
169 Macnab.....	41 25	247 Ashlar.....	16 75
170 Britannia.....	50 25	248 Eureka.....	34 00
172 Ayr.....	43 50	249 Caledonian.....	46 75
173 Victoria.....	49 98	250 Thistle.....	53 50
174 Walsingham.....	20 00	253 Minden.....	89 00
176 Spartan.....	22 25	254 Clifton.....	36 25
177 The Builders'.....	68 75	255 Sydenham.....	44 25
178 Plattsville.....	29 98	256 Farran's Point.....	21 22
179 Bothwell.....	13 00	257 Galt.....	87 75
180 Speed.....	84 00	258 Guelph.....	20 50
181 Oriental.....	38 50	259 Springfield.....	83 00
183 Prince Albert.....	56 00	260 Washington.....	28 50
184 Old Light.....	28 50	261 Oak Branch.....	32 00
185 Enniskillen.....	45 00	262 Harriston.....	13 75
186 Plantagenet.....	29 00	263 Forest.....	33 00
187 Royal Canadian.....	39 75	264 Chaudiere.....	49 50
189 Filius Vidue.....	18 00	265 Patterson.....	43 00
190 Belmont.....	20 50	266 Northern Light.....	42 50
192 Orillia.....	76 25	267 Parthenon.....	80 50
193 Scotland.....	33 24	268 Verulam.....	47 50
194 Petrolia.....	64 75	269 Brougham Union.....	34 50
195 The Tuscan.....	68 75	270 Cedar.....	90 25
196 Madawaska.....	39 50	271 Wellington.....	33 50
197 Sangeen.....	32 25	274 Kent.....	30 00
198 White Oak.....	58 75	275 Pontiac.....	38 98
200 St. Albans.....	83 25	276 Teeswater.....	20 00
201 Leeds.....	66 75	277 Seymour.....	59 98
202 Mount Royal.....	38 75	278 Mystic.....	38 00
203 Irvine.....	94 75	279 New Hope.....	48 00
205 New Dominion.....	82 75	280 Mount Sinai.....	30 00
206 North Gower.....	16 00	281 Thorne.....	32 00
207 Lancaster.....	52 58	282 Lorne.....	25 00
209 Evergreen.....	42 50	283 Eureka.....	30 00
210 Hawkesbury.....	42 00	284 St. John's.....	30 00
211 Broome Lake.....	9 75	U. D. Wingham.....	20 00
212 E ysian.....	46 25	" Shuniah.....	20 00
213 Dominion.....	21 25	" Doric.....	20 00
214 Craig.....	45 75	" Leamington.....	20 00
215 Lake.....	16 75	" Dufferin.....	20 00
216 Harris.....	58 25	Constitutions and P. Pro.....	11 60
217 Frederick.....	56 25	R. W. Bro. E. C. Flint.....	6 00
218 Stevenson.....	28 75	" " R. M. Willson.....	2 00
219 Credit.....	41 50	" " A. B. Petrie.....	2 00
220 Zerodatha.....	32 50		
221 Mountain.....	83 00		
222 Marmora.....	21 42		
		Total.....	\$11,698 55

CASH STATEMENT.

Dr: Moneys Received by the Grand Secretary and Paid over to the Grand Treasurer from the 1st January to the 31st December, 1872. CR.

1872.		1872.	
Dec. 31—To receipts as per Cash Book.	\$11,698 55	Jan.	8—By Cash Grand Treasurer
		"	27—"
		Feb.	14—"
		Mar.	25—"
		"	30—"
		May	7—"
		"	23—"
		"	31—"
		June	20—"
		"	27—"
		"	29—"
		July	12—"
		Aug.	2—"
		"	31—"
		Sept.	21—"
		Oct.	29—"
		Nov.	29—"
		Dec.	30—"
		"	31—"
		"	31—"
			\$11,698 55

RECAPITULATION.

Certificates.....	\$ 2,968 00
Dues.....	5,309 99
Fees.....	1,971 50
Dispersations.....	576 00
Warrants.....	230 00
Constitutions.....	596 56
Proceedings.....	46 50
	<u>\$11,698 55</u>

BALANCE SHEET.

DR.	The G and Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada.	R. W. Bro. HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasure..	CR.
1872.			
Dec. 31—	Stocks, Dominion, 6 per cent.	\$28,800 00	
" " 5	" " " "	10,000 00	
	—Debentures, Co. of Middlesex.	\$38,800 00	
	—Canadian Bank of Commerce,	1,600 00	
	Simcoe, as per acct.....	8,214 21	
	—Bank of Toronto, at Toronto,		
	balance as reported by Asy-		
	lum Committee in July....	\$ 1,058 66	
	Add six months' interest on	144 00	
	\$4,800 Dominion Stock.....	1,202 66	
		<u>\$49,816 87</u>	
SIMCOE, 3rd January, 1873.			
	The foregoing statements have been audited and found correct.		
		E. E.	
		<u>\$49,816 87</u>	
		HENRY GROFF, GRAND TREASURER.	
		ALLAN McLEAN, CHAIRMAN COM.	

1872		
Dec. 31—	General Fund, as per acct....	\$29,988 06
	—Benevolence (current acct.)	
	as per acct.	1,357 34
	—Asylum Fund, balance as re-	
	ported by the Com. in July \$ 5,858 66	
	—Add interest due, 1st Oct., on	
	Dominion Stock.....	144 00
	—Benevolence (in investment	
	acct.), balance as reported	6,002 66
	on 31st December, 1871....	\$11,434 15
	Add 10 per cent of rec'pts for '71	1,034 66
		<u>12,468 81</u>

GENERAL FUND.—(CONTINUED.)

	1872.	1873.
— " Grand Secretary for quarter's salary..	300 00	
— " transferred to Benevolence investment acc't 10 per cent. of receipts for 1871	1,034 66	
June 29— " Grand Secretary, for quarter's salary..	300 00	
— " paid on the President's orders, viz.:		
July 5— " Office rent.....	60 00	
— " Lawson McCulloch & Co., printing....	249 65	
Aug. 8— " the Grand Master, for incidentals....	50 00	
— " Copp, Clark & Co., for certificates....	75 75	
— " R. W. Bro. Mitchell, F. Correspondence	50 00	
— " Expenses of the Board of July meeting	560 00	
10— " Buntin, Gillies & Co., for stationery....	14 00	
14— " J. J. Mason, for the <i>Craftsman</i>	3 00	
Sept. 4— " W. Bruce, for engrossing address,	36 01	
— " Grand Secretary, for expenses at Grand Lodge and Board meetings	33 45	
— " for assistance in Grand Secretary office	250 00	
— " Grand Secretary, balance of incidentals	16 12	
— " " incidentals current year	100 00	
— " " " for additional salary....	400 00	
— " " " for quarter's salary.....	400 00	
Oct. 7— " Sundry accounts.....	112 75	
31— " transferred to Benevolence current ac't as ordered in July.....	2,606 00	
Balance.....	29,988 06	
	<u>\$38,606 35</u>	1873.
		Jan. 3—By balance at credit of this account \$29,988 06
		<u>\$38,606 35</u>

SIMCOE, 3rd January, 1873.

HENRY GROFF, GRAND TREASURER.

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—CURRENT ACCOUNT.

Dr.	The Grand Lodge of Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Canada in account with HENRY GROFF, Grand Treasurer.		Cr.
1872.	To paid the President's orders, viz.:		
Jan. 18—	To paid Ottawa Board of Relief.....\$	75 00	
Feb, 29—	" Mrs. G. W.....	20 00	
29—	" Bro. C.....	20 00	
29—	" " J. C.....	20 00	
29—	" Mrs. C.....	30 00	
Mar. 2—	" " C.....	20 00	
2—	" " B.....	20 00	
2—	" " G.....	20 00	
2—	" " H.....	40 00	
2—	" " T.....	20 00	
2—	" " B.....	20 00	
4—	" Bro. S.....	25 00	
5—	" " F. O. I.....	40 00	
5—	" " J. T.....	20 00	
6—	" " J. G.....	30 00	
7—	" Hamilton Board of Relief.....	100 00	
7—	" Mrs. C.....	20 00	
8—	" " C. P. W.....	40 00	
8—	" " McF.....	20 00	
8—	" " K.....	25 00	
8—	" Kingston Board of Relief.....	75 00	
11—	" Bro. M.....	20 00	
11—	" Mrs. D.....	20 00	
11—	" Bro. B.....	20 00	
11—	" Mrs. P.....	30 00	
11—	" " H.....	20 00	
1872.	By Balance per account audited.....\$1,306 14		
Jan. 4—	Received six months' interest to 31st		
Apr. 17—	March on \$24,000 of Dom'n stock..	720 00	
May 25—	Received interest to 30th of April on		
June 29—	\$10,000 of Dominion stock.....	299 31	
	6 months' interest on \$1,600 Middle-		
	sex Debentures.....	48 00	
	Interest on Bank account.....	87 29	
Oct. 22—	6 months' int. on \$24,000 Dom'n stock	720 00	
Dec. 17—	6 months' int. on \$10,000 Dom'n stock	250 00	
	6 months' interest on \$1,600 Middle-		
	sex Debentures.....	48 00	
	Interest on Bank account.....	148 60	
	Transferred from General Fund acc't		
	in July.....	2,600 00	

11—	"	Mrs. S.	20 00
11—	"	Toronto Board of Relief.	150 00
11—	"	Bro. B.	20 00
15—	"	Mrs. J.	45 00
16—	"	Ottawa Board of Relief	75 00
18—	"	Bro. C. F.	30 00
19—	"	Montreal Board of Relief.	100 00
23—	"	Mrs. N. McD.	30 00
23—	"	" W.	30 00
28—	"	Bro. M.	20 00
30—	"	Col. T.	20 00
June 7—	"	Bro. H. T. R.	25 00
Aug. 8—	"	Mrs. G. W. A.	25 00
8—	"	" J. O. L. G.	20 00
8—	"	" H.	25 00
8—	"	" C. P. W.	40 00
8—	"	" C.	25 00
8—	"	" S.	25 00
8—	"	" T.	25 00
8—	"	" G.	25 00
8—	"	" McI.	25 00
8—	"	" C.	25 00
8—	"	Bro. G.	50 00
8—	"	Orphans of late Bro. T.	25 00
8—	"	Bro. J. B.	25 00
8—	"	" W. M.	50 00
8—	"	" J. F. K.	25 00
8—	"	Mrs. W.	25 00
10—	"	London Board of Relief.	75 00
10—	"	Bro. J. D.	50 00
To amount carried forward.....			\$1,960 00
By amount carried forward			\$6,227 34

FUND OF BENEVOLENCE.—(CONTINUED.)

1871.			1872.	By amount brought forward....	.... \$6,227 34
	To amount brought forward.....	\$1,960 00			
Aug. 10—	To paid Mrs. G.....	40 00			
10—	" Bro. G. S.....	20 00			
10—	" Mrs. F.....	50 00			
10—	" Bro. J. T.....	50 00			
10—	" Mrs. C.....	20 00			
10—	" Orphans of Bro. S.....	25 00			
10—	" Mrs. W. A.....	30 00			
10—	" F.....	20 00			
10—	" C.....	25 00			
10—	" H.....	25 00			
12—	" M.....	40 00			
12—	" G.....	25 00			
12—	" S.....	30 00			
12—	" McD.....	30 00			
14—	" Q.....	25 00			
14—	" R.....	100 00			
14—	" S.....	20 00			
14—	" Bro. E.....	20 00			
14—	" Mrs. G.....	30 00			
14—	" Bro. C. F.....	25 00			
14—	" Miss S.....	50 00			
15—	" Mrs. McI.....	75 00			
15—	" Bro. W. B.....	20 00			
15—	" N. O'C.....	25 00			
15—	" Mrs. H.....	65 00			
15—	" G.....	40 00			
15—	" M.....	40 00			

15—	"	W.....	20 00
15—	"	" H.....	30 00
15—	"	" C.....	20 00
16—	"	" H.....	30 00
20—	"	Toronto Board of Relief.....	150 00
20—	"	Mrs. F.....	50 00
20—	"	" D.....	20 00
20—	"	Bro B.....	20 00
20—	"	" B.....	20 00
20—	"	" M.....	20 00
20—	"	Mrs. P.....	30 00
20—	"	" H.....	30 00
23—	"	Bro. O. I.....	40 00
23—	"	Mrs. C.....	25 00
23—	"	" J.....	25 00
23—	"	Bro. C.....	50 00
23—	"	Mrs. McD.....	50 00
26—	"	Bro. S.....	30 00
27—	"	" C.....	30 00
31—	"	Montreal Board of Relief.....	150 00
31—	"	Mrs. G.....	50 00
31—	"	Bro. T.....	25 00
31—	"	Mrs. L.....	20 00
31—	"	Miss P.....	25 00
Sept. 4—	"	Hamilton Board of Relief.....	100 00
4—	"	Mrs. W.....	20 00
4—	"	" S.....	20 00
6—	"	Bro. M.	30 00
7—	"	Clinton Lodge for relief of two widows.....	50 00
To amount carried forward.....			\$4,105 00
By amount carried forward.....			\$6,227 34

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES, RENDERED 24TH JUNE, 1873.

Lodges marked (*) hold their Installation of Officers on the Festival of St. John the Evangelist: all others on that of St. John the Baptist.

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
—	*Antiquity	Montreal	First Thursday	W.Br. M. Gutman ..	Bro. L. D. Casler.
1	*Prevost	Dunham	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" E. N. Brown. . .	" N. O. Lewis.
2	Niagara	Niagara	Wednesday on or before full moon	" G. J. Miller. . .	" Peter Smith.
3	*St. John's	Kingston	First Thursday	" W. P. Phillips. .	" J. M. Horsey.
4	*Dorchester	St. Johns	First Tuesday	" E. R. Smith. . .	" J. B. Futvoye.
5	*Sussex	Brockville ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" L. De Carle ..	" G. A. McMullen.
6	Barton	Hamilton ..	Second Wednesday	" G. Stewart. . .	" J. F. McClure.
7	Union	Grimsby	Thursday on or before full moon	" Wm. Forbes. . .	" John A. Nelles.
8	*Nelson	Phillipsburg.	Thursday on or before full moon.	" D. T. R. Nye. . .	" P. E. Luke.
9	Union	Napance	Friday on or before full moon ..	" H. L. Geddes. . .	" Wm. F. Hall.
10	*Norfolk ..	Simcoe	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" R. Rochester. . .	" J. J. Wadsworth
11	Moir	Belleville ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" J. S. Mendell. .	" R. R. Lloyd.
12	*Golden Rule	Stanstead ..	Tuesday on or before full moon.	.....	.....
14	*True Briton's.	Pertli	First Monday	" Robert Howden.	" A. Campbell.
15	St. George's	St. Catharines	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Levi Yale. . . .	" S. A. Dungan.
16	*St. Andrew's	Toronto.	Second Tuesday	" N. G. Bigelow .	" W. C. Wilkinson.
17	St. John's	Cobourg	Monday on or before full moon..	" R. J. Wineh. . .	" H. F. Holland.
18	*Prince Edward's ..	Pictou	Thursday on or before full moon	" J. M. Platt ..	" Bela Johnson.
19	*St. George's	Montreal.	Third Tuesday	" John Street. . .	" Rev. E. M. Myers.
20	*St. John's	London	Second Tuesday	" W. Koltmeyer .	" M. D. Dawson.
21	*Zeland	Montreal.	Second Thursday	" D. Ferguson. . .	" E. B. Meyer.
22	King Solomon's	Toronto.	Second Thursday	" Daniel Spry. . .	" S. R. Richardson
23	Richmond	Richm'nd Hill	Monday on or before full moon..	" M. McNair. . .	" J. Wideman.
24	*St. Francis	Smith's Falls	Friday on or before full moon..	" D. A. Ferguson. .	" Stewart Moag.
25	*Ionic	Toronto.	First Tuesday	" A. R. Boswell. .	" J. G. Robinson.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
26	•Ontario	Port Hope...	Third Thursday.....of every month	W.Br. E. Peplow, jr.	Bro. J. Little.
27	•Strict Observance	Hamilton	Third Tuesday	" J. J. Mason, ...	" R. L. Gunn.
28	•Mount Zion	Kemptville	Wednesday before full moon	" R. Chambers...	" W. R. Anderson.
29	•United	Brighton	Thursday on or before full moon.	" I. M. Wellington	" W. A. Mayhew.
30	•Composite	Whitby	First Thursday	" George Hopkins	" R. Willis.
31	•Jerusalem	Bowmanville	Wednesday on or before full moon	" John Milne...	" John Lytle.
32	•Amity	Dunnville	Wednesday on or after full moon	" Robert Nimmo.	" Wm. Fry.
33	•Goderich	Goderich	First Wednesday	" Joseph Beck...	" Wm. Dickson.
34	•Thistle	Amherstburgh	Tuesday before full moon	" J. R. Park, jr...	" Wm. McGuire.
35	•St. John's	Cayuga	Thursday on or after full moon...	" John Hoshal...	" G. L. Baumwert.
36	•Welland	Fonthill	Thursday on or before full moon.	" E. C. Thomas.	" S. C. Howey.
37	•King Hiram	Ingersoll	Thursday on or before full moon.	" C. H. Sorley...	" W. A. Woolson.
38	•Trent	Trenton	Tuesday before full moon	" Henry W. Day.	" James Young.
39	•Mount Zion	Brooklin	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" C. H. Sweetapple	" Sam R. Wickett.
40	•St. John's	Hamilton	Third Thursday	" Wm. Bell.....	" A. Rutherford.
41	•St. George's	Kingsville	Thursday on or before full moon	" E. Allworth...	" Lewis Malott.
42	•St. George's	London	First Wednesday	" W. T. Greene..	" Wm. Fleming.
43	•King Solomon's	Woodstock	Tuesday on or before full moon...	" J. S. Searf.	" R. McWhinnic.
44	•St. Thomas	St. Thomas	First Thursday	" John Midgley..	" G. W. Morgan, Jr
45	•Brant	Brantford	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" John Bishop...	" J. W. Lethbridge
46	•Wellington	Chatham	First Monday	" Wm. Young...	" G. F. Horsford.
47	•Great Western	Windsor	Thursday on or before full moon.	" James Gibson..	" S. B. McMullen.
48	•Madoc	Madoc	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" J. S. Loomis...	" Jas. O'Hara, Jr.
49	•Harington	Quebec	Third Thursday	No returns .....	.....
50	•Consecon	Consecon	Friday on or before full moon...	" A. G. Whittier..	" L. C. Bailey.

51	*Corinthian	Grahamville.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" John Bell.....	" A. F. Campbell.
52	Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	First Tuesday.....	"	" J. J. Redford...	" C. S. Scott.
53	*Sheford.....	Waterloo.....	First Monday.....	"	" D. L. Allen.....	" W. H. Robinson.
54	*Vaughan.....	Maple.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.	"	" T. S. Raith.....	" H. W. Bolitho.
55	*Mirickville.	Mirickville..	Tuesday after full moon.....	"	" Rev. C. Forest..	" W. Wickwire.
56	*Victoria	Sarnia.....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" James Gowans..	" Chas. Fisher.
57	*Harmony	Binbrook ..	Monday after full moon.....	"	" Amos Rowe....	" John Brown, jr.
58	*Doric	Ottawa.....	First Wednesday	"	" G. L. Orme.....	" D. P. Williams.
59	*Corinthian	Ottawa.....	Third Thursday	"	No returns.....	" J. Potts.
60	*Hoyle	LaColle.....	Second Tuesday	"	" F. A. Gardner..	" Arch. Wilson.
61	*Acacia	Hamilton ..	Fourth Friday	"	" D. E. Broderick	" H. Park.
62	*St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia...	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Nelson D. Lee..	" R. Bannerman.
63	*St. John's.....	CarletonPlace	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" John Overell...	" H. A. Baxter.
64	*Kilwinning.....	London	Third Thursday	"	" James B. Nixon	" W. Brydon.
65	*Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	First Thursday	"	" W. T. Lockhart	" J. P. Lovekin, jr.
66	*Durham	Newcastle..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	No returns.....	"
67	*St. Francis.....	Richmond ..	First Thursday	"	" Hugh Kerr....	" Wm. Ewart.
68	*St. John's.....	Ingersoll....	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" Albert Chard...	" J. S. Black.
69	*Stirling.....	Stirling.....	Thursday after the full moon...	"	No returns.....	"
71	*Victoria.....	Sherbrooke..	Second Tuesday	"	" John Cavers....	" R. P. Slater.
72	*Alma.....	Galt.....	Thursday on or before full moon..	"	" E. W. Harding..	" W. Tytler.
73	*St. James'.....	St. Mary's...	First Monday	"	" G. C. Longley..	" D. Maxwell.
74	*St. James'.....	Maitland....	Monday nearest full moon	"	" John Erskine...	" J. Eastwood, jr.
75	*St. John's.....	Toronto.....	First Monday	"	" A. W. Francis..	" J. Rippon.
76	*Oxford.....	Woodstock ..	Second Wednesday	"	" A. Hudspeth ..	" S. Irwin.
77	*Faithful Brethren.	Lindsay.....	First Thursday	"	" T. B. Bain.....	" T. T. Brown.
78	*King Hiram.....	Tilsonburgh.	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" W. H. Walkem..	" J. R. Stevenson
79	*Simcoe	Bradford....	Thursday after the full moon....	"	" G. Mansfield ..	" J. Mills.
80	*Albion.....	Newbury....	First Tuesday	"	" Joseph Clark...	" E. Handy.
81	*St. John's.....	Mt. Brydges.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" W. S. Martin...	" J. Finlayson.
82	*St. John's.....	Paris	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" J. C. Small.....	" S. Wilkins.
83	*Beaver	Strathroy ...	Friday on or after full moon ...	"		

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NO.	LODGES.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
84	*Clinton	Clinton	Friday on or after full moon... each month	W. Bro. D. M. Malloch	Br. J. Ransford.
85	*Rising Sun	Farmersville.	Thursday nearest the full moon.	" J. B. Saunders.	" J. H. Blackburn
86	*Wilson	Toronto	Third Tuesday	"	" C. Callighan.
87	*Markham Union...	Markham	Friday on or before full moon...	" James Spreight.	" J. G. Munns.
88	*St. George's	Owen Sound	Wednesday on or before full moon	" David R. Dobie	" D. Morrison.
89	*Manito	Collingwood.	Wednesday on or after full moon.	" A. Moberley...	" John Ferguson.
90	*Colborne	Colborne	Friday on or before full moon...	" J. J. Campbell.	" G. Keyes.
91	*Catarqui	Kingston	Second Wednesday	" H. S. Minnes..	" F. Rowland.
92	*Northern Light...	Kincardine...	Thursday on or after full moon..	" D. H. Martyn	" J. Le Gear.
93	*St. Mark's	Port Stanley.	Second Tuesday	" Wm. Hemphill	" James Fulton.
94	*Ridout	Otterville	Thursday on or before full moon.	" M. Durkee	" W. Z. Watts.
95	*Corinthian	Barrie	Thursday on or before full moon.	" Robert King...	" T. E. Rawson.
96	*Sharon	Sharon	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" A. T. Doan	" A. H. Willson.
97	*True Blue	Albion	Friday on or before full moon...	" George Watson	" James Neeley.
98	*Tuscan	Newmarket ..	Second Wednesday	" S. P. Caldwell.	" G. C. McManus.
99	*Valley	Dundas	Friday on or before full moon...	" A. H. Walker..	" J. S. Baillie.
100	*Corinthian	Peterboro' ..	Wednesday after full moon ..	" Walter Beal...	" F. W. Hall.
101	*Maple Leaf	St. Catharines	Thursday on or after full moon..	" W. S. Downey	" James Elliott.
102	*St. John's	Norwichville.	Wednesday after the full moon..	" L. F. Bngay..	" Wm. Topham.
103	*St. Mark's	Drum'ndville.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" John Wills....	" T. W. Woodruff.
104	*Barford	Barford	Wednesday on or before full moon	" W. G. Nelles ..	" J. Findlay.
105	*St. Paul's	Lambeth	Second Wednesday	" W. L. Odell...	" W. H. Bartram.
106	*Blenheim	Drumbo	Wednesday on or before full moon	" Robert Kelly ..	" J. G. Terryberry
107	*Albion	Harrowsmith	Friday on or before full moon...	" Alfred Knight.	" J. Cooke,
108	*Central	Prescott	First Tuesday	" John Satchell..	" J. Francis.

111	*Morpeth	Ridgetown ..	Second Thursday	"	" D. H. Bedford..	" J. H. Thomson.
112	*Maitland	Goderich ..	Second Tuesday	"	" E. Campaigne .	" G. Campaigne.
113	*Wilson	Waterford ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" A. McMichael..	" David Wilson.
114	*Hope	Port Hope ..	First Thursday	"	" J. M. Irwin ..	" E. Budge.
115	*Ivy	Beamsville ..	Tuesday on or after full moon...	"	" Geo. Walker...	" A. Hodge.
116	*Cassia	Widder	Monday on or before full moon...	"	" G. W. Holwell.	" R. F. Man'y.
117	*Stanbridge	Stanbridge ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	No returns.....	.....
118	*Union	Schomberg ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	"	" A. Armstrong jr	" F. D. Ramsay.
119	*Maple Leaf	Bath	Monday before full moon	"	" John Hoyle....	" J. Belfour.
120	*Warren	Fingal	Second Thursday	"	" M. Campbell...	" G. L. Gray.
121	*Doric	Brantford ..	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" J. W. Digby...	" A. J. Wilkes.
122	*Renfrew	Renfrew	First Friday	"	" T. B. Muir....	" J. Bannerman.
123	*The Belleville.....	Belleville...	First Thursday	"	" James Smith...	" E. L. Auger.
124	*Montreal Kilwin'g	Montreal ..	Second Monday	"	No returns.....	.....
125	*Cornwall	Cornwall ..	First Tuesday	"	" R. W. Macfarlane	" Charles Pool'e.
126	*Golden Rule	Campbellsfd.	Tuesday on or after full moon. .	"	" Hugh O'Neill ..	" R. Dinwoodie.
127	*Frank	Frankford ..	Monday before full moon.....	"	" A. Rockwell...	" J. B. Moran.
128	*Pembroke	Pembroke...	First Tuesday	"	" W. H. Supple	" A. Moffat, jr.
129	*The Rising Sun	Aurora . . .	Friday on or after full moon	"	" F. W. Strange.	" J. Anderson.
130	*Yamaska	Granby	First Wednesday	"	" J. H. Bartlett..	" Geo. Vittie.
131	*St. Lawrence	Southampton	Second Tuesday	"	" John Eastwood	" Geo. Douglas.
133	*Lebanon Forest	Exeter	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" Geo. Eacrett,...	" M. Eacrett.
134	*Shawenagam	Three Rivers	Second Wednesday	"	No returns.....	.....
135	*St. Clair	Milton	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" J. D. Matheson.	" C. Nichans.
136	*Richardson	Stouffville ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Levi Jones	" D. McMurchy.
137	*Pythagoras	Meaford	Friday on or after full moon....	"	" R. R. Fulton...	" J. J. Stee'e.
138	*Aylmer	Aylmer Q....	Second Tuesday	"	" C. H. Church...	" C. W. Deegan.
139	*Lebanon	Oshawa	Second Tuesday	"	" M. Gilbranon...	" John Boyd.
140	*Malahide	Aylmer O....	Wednesday on or after full moon	"	" W. J. Kerr....	" J. C. Weisbrod.
141	*Tudor	Mitchell....	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" E. Hornbrook...	" Thos. Ball.
142	*Excelsior	Morrisburgh.	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" A. G. Macdonell	" A. L. Caselman
143	*Friendly Brothers'	Iroquois	Wednesday before full moon,...	"	" W. J. Thompson	" J. N. Tuttle.

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
144	*Tecumseh	Stratford....	Thursday on or before full moon each month	W Bro. C.O.Paeckert	Bro. G. J. Waugh.
145	*J. B. Hall	Millbrook...	Second Thursday	" J. W. Wallace..	" G. Knowlson.
146	*Prince of Wales...	Newburgh...	Wednesday before full moon....	" Peter Johnston..	" J. J. Clement.
147	*Mississippi.....	Almonte	Friday on or before the full moon	" J. H. Thrall....	" Thos. Coulter.
148	*Civil Service.....	Ottawa	Second Tuesday	" N.W. McLean..	" W. M. Goodeve.
149	*Eric.....	Port Dover..	Monday on or before full moon..	" Silas Hoover....	" R. Hellyer.
150	*Hastings	Hastings....	Thursday on or before full moon.	" W. M. Orr.	" John Sharpe.
151	The Grand River...	Berlin.....	Tuesday on or before full moon.	" Adam Murray..	" C. L. Peterson.
152	Clarenceville	Clarenceville	Third Thursday	No returns....	"
153	*Burns.....	Wyoming ...	Thursday on or before full moon.	" James McKay ..	" J.C. McLachlin
154	*Irving.....	Lucan	Thursday on or before full moon	" James Sutton..	" F. R. Jennings.
155	*Peterborough	Peterboro'...	Thursday on or before full moon	" Wm Cameron..	" D. Wallace.
156	*York	Davisville...	First Friday	" Wm. Norris....	" M. E. Snider.
157	*Simpson	Newboro' ...	Friday on or before full moon....	" R. H. Preston..	" L. S. Lewis.
158	*Alexandra.....	Oil Springs..	Tuesday on or after full moon..	" J. Duggan.....	" Joseph Boag.
159	*Goodwood.....	Richmond, O.	Thursday on or after full moon..	" D. McDougall..	" J. McLaren.
160	*Quebec Garrison ..	Quebec	First Tuesday	No returns....	"
161	*Percy	Warkworth..	First Monday	" W. T. Wiggins..	" R. P. Hurlbut.
162	*Forest	Wroxeter	Wednesday before full moon....	" S. B. Smale....	" Geo. Gibson.
163	*Bfowne.....	Brigham, Q..	Monday on or before full moon..	" J. A. Hill	" Har'ow Hawk.
164	*Star in the East...	Wellington..	Friday before full moon	" R. Wilson.....	" W. G. Harris.
165	*Burlington.	Wel'n Square	Tuesday on or before full moon..	" Wm. Kerns....	" W. S. Bastedo.
166	*Wentworth	Stoney Creek	Wednesday on or before full moon	" G. Slingerland.	" A. G. Jones.
167	*Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.	Monday on or before full moon..	No returns....	"
168	*Merritt	Welland	First Wednesday	" T. W. Hooker..	" C. H. Farr.

169	*Maenab	Pt. Colborne.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	E. Smith	" T. A. Smith.
170	*Britannia	Seaforth	Monday on or after full moon...	"	" J. H. Benson ..	" A. Halley.
171	*Prince of Wales. .	Iona	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" A. A. Boston ..	" John Edgcombe
172	*Ayr	Ayr	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" J. M. Anderson	" James Lyons.
173	*Victoria	Montreal, Q.	First Monday	"	" Wm. Nivn	" W. H. Bulmer.
174	*Walsingham	Port Rowan.	First Thursday	"	" J. Ryan	" Wm. Ross.
175	*St. John's	Mansonville.	Wednesday before full moon....	"	" S. J. Blanchard.	" G. E. Manson.
176	Spartan	Sparta	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" G. Boddington.	" W. D. Oill.
177	The Builders'	Ottawa	Second Friday	"	" E. Butterworth	" Wm. Rea.
178	*Plattsville	Plattsville ..	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" F. Butcher	" R. J. Bouchier.
179	*Bothwell	Bothwell	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" H. F. Smith	" C. E. Bailey.
180	*Speed	Guelph	First Tuesday	"	" W. D. Hepburn	" J. Mimmack.
181	*Oriental	Port Burwell.	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" G. W. Pontine.	" C. J. McCollom.
182	*Tuscan	Levis, Q	First Thursday	"	No returns....	"
183	*Prince Albert	Port Perry ..	Friday on or before full moon ..	"	" J. Emaney	" H. L. Harnden.
184	*Old Light	Lucknow	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" J. Somerville..	" G. T. Burgess
185	*Enniskillen	York	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" R. A. Weir	" G. W. Murton.
186	*Plantagenet	Plantagenet.	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" J. Van Bridger.	" W Chamberlain
187	*Royal Canadian ..	Sweetsbr'g, Q.	Second Wednesday	"	" H. P. Newell..	" C. H. Boright.
188	*Ascot	Lennox'le, Q.	Monday on or before full moon..	"	No returns	"
189	*Filius Vidue	Adolphust'wn	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" P. D. Davis	" E. L. Sills.
190	Belmont	Belmont	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" J. Campbell	" W. H. Odell.
191	*Ashlar	Coaticook Q.	First Wednesday	"	No returns	"
192	*Orillia	Orillia	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" T. S. Atkinson.	" G. E. Corbould.
193	*Scotland	Scotland	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" H. T. Teeter	" W. A. McLim.
194	*Petrolia	Petrolia	Second Wednesday	"	" John Sinclair..	" Z. A. Elliott.
195	The Tuscan	London	First Monday	"	" E. De La Hooke	" D. Currie.
196	*Madawaska	Arnprior	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" J. G. Cranston.	" G. E. Neilson.
197	*Saugeen	Walkerton ..	Second Tuesday	"	" J. G. Cooper	" Joseph Craig.
198	*White Oak	Oakville	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" John Kaitings.	" J. McCorkindale
199	*Frelighsburg	Frelighsb'g, Q.	Monday on or before full moon..	"	No returns	"
200	*St. Albans	Mount Forest.	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" John McLaren.	" J. Simpson.

RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE LODGES.—[CONTINUED.]

NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
201	* Leeds	Gananoque ..	Tuesday on or before full moon each month	W. Br. John Ormiston	" F. M. Baker.
202	* Mount Royal	Montreal, Q..	Second Tuesday ..	" J. E. D'Avignon	" W. Nelson.
203	* Irvine	Elora	Friday before full moon ..	" F. Dalby	" J. Gordon.
204	* Doric	Danville, Q..	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	No returns	" C. Ernst.
205	* New Dominion	New Hamb'g	Monday on or after full moon ..	" Wm. Morton ..	" J. Lindsay.
206	* North Gower ..	North Gower ..	First Monday	" Thos. Conley ..	" D. McPherson.
207	* Lancaster	Lancaster ..	Second Wednesday ..	" A. B. McLennan	"
208	* Chateauguay	Huntingdon ..	Second Tuesday	No returns ..	" A. S. Abbott
209a	* St. John's	London	Third Thursday	" John Shopland.	" R. Pollock.
209	* Evergreen	Lanark	First Tuesday	" T. Watchorn ..	" Geo. Manson.
210	* Hawkesbury ..	Hawkesbury ..	First Wednesday ..	" J. R. Leggett	" R. N. England.
211	* Brome Lake	Knowlton, Q	First Wednesday ..	" W. W. Lynch ..	" R. Nancollas.
212	* Elysian	Garden Isl'nd	First Monday	" A. Malone	" W. M. Sloan.
213	* Dominion	Ridgeway	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	" L. Nagel	" W. K. Atkinson
214	* Craig	Ailsa Craig ..	Monday on or after full moon ..	" J. Wilson	" W. A. Benson.
215	* Lake	Ameliasburg ..	Monday on or before full moon ..	" Robert Dick ..	" D. McKinnon.
216	* Harris	Orangeville ..	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" R. J. McKittrick	" J. Sovereign.
217	* Frederick	Delli	Monday on or before full moon ..	" John C. Ross ..	" George Fish.
218	* Stevenson	Toronto	Second Monday	" J. G. Burns	" J. G. Harley.
219	* Credit	Georgetown ..	Friday on or before full moon ..	" M. H. Start	" J. J. Hillary.
220	* Zeredathia	Uxbridge	Monday on or before full moon ..	" J. E. Gould ..	" W. T. Fish.
221	* Mountain	Thorold	Wednesday on or before full moon ..	" Wm. Fields	" D. G. Brown.
222	* Marmora	Marmora	Tuesday before full moon ..	" J. F. Purdy	" S. H. Dewar.
223	* Norwood	Norwood	Tuesday on or before full moon ..	" P. P. Cope	" W. Carrick.
224	* Zurich	Zurich	Friday on or before full moon ..	" R. Brown	"

225	Bernard	Listowel	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	J. Nichol.....	J. Zinkan.
226	*Mt. Moriah.....	Montreal, Q..	First Friday	"	" John McLean..	" H. M. Holland.
227	Sutton.....	Sut'n Flatts, Q.	Thursday preceding full moon ..	"	" E. A. Dyer. . .	" Albert Hunt.
228	*Prince Arthur. . .	Odessa.....	Monday after full moon.....	"	" B. A. Booth. . .	" T. K. Ross.
229	*Ionic.....	Brampton ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" R. Cochrane....	" W. M. Wilson.
230	*Kerr	Bell Ewart. .	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" J. W. H. Wilson.	" H. Belfry.
231	Lodge of Fidelity..	Ottawa.....	Second Wednesday	"	" H. Michaels ..	" G. E. Armstrong.
232	*Cameron	Wallacetown.	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" A. S. K. Barclay.	" J. W. Luton.
233	*Doric	Park Hill ..	Tuesday on or before full moon .	"	" G. B. Reeve ...	" T. J. Wilson.
234	*Beaver	Clarksburg..	Tuesday on or before full moon .	"	" R. H. Hunt	" Joseph Rorkc.
235	Aldworth.	Paisley	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" G. W. Malloch.	" J. C. Gibson.
236	*Manitoba.....	Bondhead ..	Tuesday on or after full moon ..	"	" James St. Clair.	" Ira Doane.
237	*Vienna	Vienna	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" John Teal.....	" J. F. Wright.
238	Havelock	Wainford.....	Tuesday before full moon.....	"	" J. A. Somerville	" D. J. Campbell.
239	*Tweed.....	Tweed	Friday on or before full moon...	"	" J. F. Burr.....	" Wm. Wray.
240	*Prince Rupert's ..	Winnipeg ..	Third Tuesday	"	" W. N. Kennedy	" F. C. Mercer.
241	*Quinte	Shannonville	Tuesday after full moon	"	" S. S. Lazier	" R. A. Fullerton.
242	*Macoy.....	Escott Front	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" Reuben Fields.	" N. H. Fields.
243	*St. George.....	St. George... .	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" Benjamin Bell.	" G. Forsyth.
244	*Lisgar	Mapleton, M.	First Monday.....	"	" Thos. Bunn....	" David Young.
245	*Tecumseh.....	Thamesville.	Second Tuesday	"	" Geo. A. Tye....	" J. F. Wilson.
246	*U. of Strict Obs'nce	Montreal, Q.	Third Monday	"	" J. C. Thurston	" John Bond.
247	*Ashlar	Yorkville....	Fourth Tuesday	"	" T. F. Blackwood	" W. H. S. Coen.
248	*Eureka	Pakenham ..	Wednesday on or after full moon.	"	" J. W. Pickup... .	" John Cowan.
249	*Caledonian	Angus	Tuesday on or after full moon...	"	" S. B. Fisk	" J. M. Murray.
250	*Thistle	Embro.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" John Ross.....	" James Munroe.
251	*The International.	N. Pembina, M	Second Tuesday	"	" F. T. Bradley ..	"
252	*Minden	Kingston.....	First Monday	"	" J. Greenfield ..	" G. W. Andrews.
253	*Clifton	Clifton.....	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" S. Smith.....	" Henry Preston.
254	*Sydenham	Dresden	Wednesday on or after full moon	"	" H. Morris.....	" J. W. Sharpe.
255	*Farran's Point ...	Farran's Point	First Saturday	"	" C. A. Summers	" G. T. Gorrell.
257	*Galt	Galt	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" J. Patterson ...	" J. M. Hood.

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NO.	LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	NIGHT OF MEETING.	W. MASTER.	SECRETARY.
258	•Guelph	Guelph	Third Wednesday	W. Bro. Hugh Walker	Bro. J. H. Moore.
259	•Springfield	Springfield ..	Monday on or before full moon..	" Robert Scott...	" D. McKenzie.
260	•Washington	Petrolia	First Tuesday	" D. Trotter	" A. T. Gurd.
261	•Oak Branch	Innerkip	Thursday on or before full moon.	" E. W. Town	" Thos. Callam.
262	•Harriston	Harriston	Monday on or after full moon...	" James Young	" J. C. Dalrymple
263	•Forest	Forest	Wednesday on or before full moon	" T. S. Shortt	" R. S. Conklin.
264	•Chaudiere	Ottawa	First Monday	" W. H. Timbers ..	" S. S. Cushman.
265	•Patterson	Concord	Thursday on or before full moon.	" W. C. Patterson	" N. S. Burkholder
266	•Northern Light ..	Stayner	Tuesday before full moon	" R. B. Hannah ..	" W. B. Sanders.
267	•Parthenon	Chatham	First Wednesday	" W. H. Ballard ..	" Chas. Dunlop.
268	•Verulam	Bobcaygeon ..	First Monday	" John Kennedy ..	" J. G. Edwards.
269	•Brougham Union ..	Brougham	Wednesday after full moon	" J. P. Campbell ..	" J. C. Smith.
270	•Cedar	Oshawa	Fourth Tuesday	" P. Taylor	" C. W. Smith.
271	•Wellington	Erin	Wednesday on or before full moon	" D. Kirkwood	" R. D. Boomer.
272	•Seymour	Ancaster	Wednesday on or before full moon	" C. E. Whitcombe	" L. A. Gurnett.
273	•Olive Branch	W. Sheffield, Q.	Wednesday on or before full moon	" G. H. Allen	" R. H. Hall.
274	•Kent	Blenheim	Third Monday	" J. A. Ash	" A. S. Campbell.
275	•Pontiac	Onslow, Q. ...	Second Tuesday	" Arthur Lyon ..	" Wm. Mitford.
276	•Teeswater	Teeswater	Friday on or before full moon...	" H. B. O'Connor ..	" John Lawrie.
277	•Seymour	Pt. Dalhousie ..	Wednesday on or before full moon	" R. Patterson	" P. G. Duncan.
278	•Mystic	Roslin	Thursday before full moon	" E. B. Fralick ..	" E. Masgrove.
279	•New Hope	Hespeler	Wednesday on or before full moon	" A. Brydon	" J. R. Preston.
280	•Mount Sinai	Napance	First Thursday	" D. H. Preston ..	" J. S. Ross.
281	•Thorno	Holland L'd'g ..	First Tuesday	" A. Williams	" Wm. G. Lumley
282	•Lorne	Glencoe	First Thursday	" Wm. Hayden	

283	*Eureka	Belleville	First Wednesday after full moon	"	L. H. Henderson	J. S. Hurst.
284	*St. John's	Brussels	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" W. J. R. Holmes	" John Stewart.
285	Seven Star	Alliston	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" Wm. Wright..	" J. Archer.
286	Wingham	Wingham	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" J. E. Tamlyn..	" J. W. Kerr.
287	Shuniah	Pr. Arthur's L	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" John Clarke..	" J. M. McDonald
288	Ancient Landmark	Winnipeg, M.	Second Monday	"	" J. Henderson..	"
289	Doric	Lobo	Second Thursday	"	" J. D. McLeay..	" A. L. McLaren.
290	Leamington	Leamington ..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" E. R. Shipley..	" J. E. Johnson.
291	Dufferin	W. Flamboro	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" Thos. Miller..	" R. Bell.
292	Robertson	Nobleton.....	Wednesday on or before full moon	"	" J. Smelser.....	" W. Stokes.
293	The Royl Sol. Mother Jerusalem Pal	First Wednesday	First Wednesday	"	" Rob. Morris ..	"
294	Moore	Mooretown ..	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" J. A. Somerville	"
295	Conestogo	Drayton	First Tuesday	"	" C. Hendry	" S. P. Dales.
296	Temple	St. Catharines	First Wednesday	"	" L. S. Oille	" J. McEdward.
297	Preston	Preston	Friday on or before full moon..	"	" Otto Klotz	"
298	Eddy	Hull, Q.....	Second Thursday	"	" E. B. Eddy	" Wm. Lough, jr.
299	Victoria	Centreville..	Thursday on or before full moon.	"	" W. H. Miller ..	"
300	Mount Olivet.....	Thorndale ..	Tuesday on or before full moon..	"	" Richard Mills..	" G. F. Bryan.
301	Hanover	Hanover	Monday on or before full moon..	"	" G. Landerkin..	"
U.D.	St. David's	St. Thomas..	Monday on or after full moon ...	"	" J. Corlis	" H. G. Hunt.
U.D.	Blyth.....	Blyth.....	Second Wednesday.....	"	" Wm. Wilson....	"

SUSPENSIONS.—UNMASONIC CONDUCT.

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| No. 35. | <i>St John's Lodge, Cayuga, Ont.</i>
Thomas Bridger. |
| No. 42. | <i>St. George's Lodge, London, Ont.</i>
Israel B. Cornwall. |
| No. 61. | <i>Acacia Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.</i>
Charles C. Baird. |
| No. 64. | <i>Kilwinning Lodge, London, Ont.</i>
Ebenezer Zeal. |
| No. 82. | <i>St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.</i>
Lewis Mans. |
| No. 139. | <i>Lebanon Lodge, Oshawa, Ont.</i>
Robt. Goodchild. |
| No. 144. | <i>Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.</i>
H. C. McCoy, D. E. K. Stewart. |
| No. 151. | <i>The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, Ont.</i>
John A. Mackie. |
| No. 162. | <i>Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, Ont.</i>
Charles T. Scott. |
| No. 170. | <i>Britannia Lodge, Seaforth, Ont.</i>
Thomas K. Anderson. |
| No. 210. | <i>Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ont.</i>
Robert McFarlane. |
| No: 213. | <i>Dominion Lodge, Ridgeway, Ont.</i>
John W. Lee. |
| No. 219. | <i>Credit Lodge, Georgetown, Ont.</i>
George Ellis. |
| No. 226. | <i>Mount Moriah Lodge, Montreal, Que.</i>
John Gondie. |
| No. 268. | <i>Verulam Lodge, Bobcaygeon, Ont.</i>
Ralph Switzer. |
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SUSPENSIONS.—NON-PAYMENT OF DUES.

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| No. 5. | <i>Sussex Lodge, Brockville, Ont.</i>
R. G. Leckise, A. C. Duna, James Coleman, G. R. Griffin,
Robt. Whitthead, H. C. Jones, Henry Laishley, H. Griffin,
L. Turner. |
| No. 9. | <i>Union Lodge, Napanee, Ont.</i>
James R. Spencer, A. Z. Valleau, G. D. Solmes, Rev. J. B.
Aylsworth, N. F. Perry, W. W. Davey, A. S. Bristol. |

- No. 16. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
James E. Thompson, P. K. Sanderson, James White, Alex.
Hartill, L. P. Sherwood.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.*
A. B. Culver.
- No. 18. *Prince Edward's Lodge, Picton, Ont.*
J. H. Simpson, Geo. A. Simpson, S. P. Werden.
- No. 19. *St. George's Lodge, Montreal, Que.*
C. Fitts, W. B. Bowie, S. S. Reed, Joseph Smith, M. W. Avery.
- No. 20. *St. John's Lodge, London, Ont.*
H. Beltz, Thomas Evans, James Webster.
- No. 25. *Ionic Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Lewis J. Gordon, Wm. L. Smart, Wm. H. Hughes.
- No. 27. *Strict Observance Lodge, Hamilton, Ont.*
R. Pike.
- No. 29. *United Lodge, Brighton, Ont.*
J. H. Sanford, J. Butler.
- No. 32. *Amity Lodge, Dunnville, Ont.*
James Campbell, Nicholas Hopkins.
- No. 33. *Goderich Lodge, Goderich, Ont.*
James Lomas.
- No. 37. *King Hiram Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*
W. S. King, W. Harris, D. H. Carroll, G. E. Perkins, Joseph M.
Dutton.
- No. 41. *St. George's Lodge, Kingsville, Ont.*
Alphonzo Haynes.
- No. 43. *King Solomon's Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.*
N. H. Bartley, W. T. T. Meggs, S. Tree, G. B. Matheson.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
James Fullerton, Walter Patterson, Richard Brayne.
- No. 59. *Crionthian Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
James F. Wolfe.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, Ont.*
C. D. Potts, William Little, C. Little, H. J. Ince, S. Hewitt,
John Doyle.
- No. 68. *St. John's Lodge, Ingersoll, Ont.*
J. S. Draper, J. Tune.
- No. 73. *St. James' Lodge, St. Mary's, Ont.*
Thos Marlatt, G. H. Marlatt, Duncan Miller, Geo. Humphrey.
- No. 75. *St. John's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
J. Drynan, J. W. Hetherington, T. M. Pringle, D. E. Norton
J. B. Thornton.

- No. 76. *Oxford Lodge, Woodstock, Ont.*
H. De Blaquiere, J. H. Brown, W. Lovering, Thos. McCallum,
D. K. Perry, J. H. Schooley, James Callum.
- No. 77. *Faithful Brethren Lodge, Lindsay, Ont.*
D. McNaughton, Wm. Margach.
- No. 83. *Beaver Lodge, Strathroy.*
Neil Morrison, J. McVicar, James Donnelly.
- No. 85. *Rising Sun Lodge, Farmersville, Ont.*
Elisha Wiltse, Arza Wiltse, Thaddeus W. H. Leavitt.
- No. 86. *Wilson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
John Percy, T. Robinson.
- No. 87. *Markham Union Lodge, Markham, Ont.*
T. White, R. Armstrong, E. Burton, D. Gilchrist, W. Button.
- No. 90. *Manito Lodge, Collingwood, Ont.*
J. Metzker, T. P. Wolfe, S. A. Briggs.
- No. 91. *Colborne Lodge, Colborne, Ont.*
W. A. Sills, A. T. Dorland.
- No. 93. *Northern Light Lodge, Kincardine, Ont.*
Alexander Mann, Joseph Walker.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, Ont.*
James Durdle, J. Wilson, W. Burgess, W. A. Ferns.
- No. 99. *Tuscan Lodge, Newmarket, Ont.*
E. C. Campbell, Henry Thompson, D. L. McKenzie.
- No. 103. *Maple Leaf Lodge, St. Catharines, Ont.*
T. B. Marshall, H. Garden, W. H. Fletcher, M. Roberts, J. Vine
W. Thomson, H. Lawe, William Smith.
- No. 104. *St. John's Lodge, Norwichville, Ont.*
William Coker.
- No. 110. *Central Lodge, Prescott, Ont.*
L. V. Loomis, John Lang, Jeff. Baker, J. V. Miller, J. K. Weir,
R. C. Graves.
- No. 116. *Cassia Lodge, Widder, Ont.*
Daniel Clunas, Thomas Conlin, S. Mott.
- No. 120. *Warren Lodge, Fingal, Ont.*
J. Thom, James Burch.
- No. 126. *Golden Rule Lodge, Campbellsford, Ont.*
J. W. Lindsay, G. W. Lindsay.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, Ont.*
James Workman, Alfred Graham, Samuel Harris, Jas. Gilchrist,
T. G. Ransom.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, Ont.*
Neil A. Ray, Peter McKellar, David Dick.

- No. 133. *Lebanon Forest Lodge, Exeter, Ont.*
Robert Mills.
- No. 136. *Richardson Lodge, Stouffville, Ont.*
W. Bertram, S. L. Freel, F. Chinn, Geo. Pringle, Jas. Brunskill.
- No. 137. *Pythagoras Lodge, Meaford, Ont.*
Thomas Andrews, J. Casey, J. McCallum.
- No. 140. *Malahide Lodge, Aylmer, Ont.*
Thomas Durand, K. Gregory, L. King, Oliver Cruse, J. C. Lee,
R. H. Maw.
- No. 144. *Tecumseh Lodge, Stratford, Ont.*
Robert Monteith, Wm. Morlock, A. Kennedy, D. M. White.
- No. 151. *The Grand River Lodge, Berlin, Ont.*
Wm. Platt, Wm. A. Bockers, John Haugh.
- No. 162. *Forest Lodge, Wroxeter, Ont.*
Robert J. Sloan, John Sanderson.
- No. 166. *Wentworth Lodge, Stoney Creek, Ont.*
James Hoose.
- No. 177. *The Builders Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
David Russell, Edwin H. Bernard.
- No. 187. *Royal Canadian Lodge, Sweetsburg, Que.*
H. W. Bunker.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
Thomas Clements.
- No. 195. *The Tuscan Lodge, London, Ont.*
R. S. T. Davidson.
- No. 200. *St. Alban's Lodge, Mount Forest, Ont.*
W. A. Proctor.
- No. 203. *Irvine Lodge, Elora, Ont.*
H. McLaughlin, D. Dickson. Robert Findlay.
- No. 205. *New Dominion Lodge, New Hamburg, Ont.*
George Allen.
- No. 218. *Stevenson Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
John Walker, Arthur Hamilton.
- No. 234. *Beaver Lodge, Clarksburg, Ont.*
Thomas Andrews.
- No. 247. *Ashlar Lodge, Yorkville, Ont.*
R. Cruickshank, C. F. Damoreau, C. T. Hurrell, W. Hurrell
H. H. Hewith.
- No. 258. *Guelph Lodge, Guelph, Ont.*
J. B. Thornton.

RESTORATIONS.

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- No. 2. *Niagara Lodge, Niagara, Ont.*
Andrew Putman, T. N. Ball.
- No. 7. *Union Lodge, Grimsby, Ont.*
Robert Sheppard.
- No. 17. *St. John's Lodge, Cobourg, Ont.*
Charles C. Moore.
- No. 22. *King Solomon's Lodge, Toronto, Ont.*
Daniel Lawrence.
- No. 26. *Ontario Lodge, Port Hope, Ont.*
W. J. Wallace.
- No. 30. *Composite Lodge, Whitby, Ont.*
George Yule, James A. Campbell, Thomas W. Clegg.
- No. 34. *Thistle Lodge, Amherstburgh, Ont.*
Thomas H. Brush.
- No. 39. *Mount Zion Lodge, Brooklin, Ont.*
William A. Kester.
- No. 44. *St. Thomas Lodge, St. Thomas, Ont.*
John Rowland.
- No. 46. *Wellington Lodge, Chatham, Ont.*
Joseph Bell, Ottis Ingals.
- No. 62. *St. Andrew's Lodge, Caledonia, Ont.*
James Saywright.
- No. 78. *King Hiram Lodge, Tilsonburg, Ont.*
Jacob Glover.
- No. 82. *St. John's Lodge, Paris, Ont.*
John D. Gillespie.
- No. 84. *Clinton Lodge, Clinton, Ont.*
Orrin S. Doan, John Clarke.
- No. 94. *St. Mark's Lodge, Port Stanley, Ont.*
John Boswick, James Edgcombe.
- No. 107. *St. Paul's Lodge, Lambeth, Ont.*
Alexander Ferguson.
- No. 113. *Wilson Lodge, Waterford, Ont.*
Edwin Lee Heath.
- No. 119. *Maple Leaf Lodge, Bath, Ont.*
Thomas Aishton.
- No. 121. *Doric Lodge, Brantford, Ont.*
Joseph Syril.

- No. 122. *Renfrew Lodge, Renfrew, Ont.*
John Munroe.
- No. 129. *The Rising Sun Lodge, Aurora, Ont.*
John W. Clift.
- No. 131. *St. Lawrence Lodge, Southampton, Ont.*
Alexander E. Belcher, John McLean, Richard A. Drake.
- No. 135. *St. Clair Lodge, Milton, Ont.*
Isaac Burkholder.
- No. 148. *Civil Service Lodge, Ottawa, Ont.*
Henry S. Garrett.
- No. 153. *Burns Lodge, Wyoming, Ont.*
Duncan McDonald.
- No. 158. *Alexandra Lodge, Oil Springs, Ont.*
John Cameron, Hugh Currie, John Kemp.
- No. 171. *Prince of Wales Lodge, Iona.*
John Cascadden.
- No. 179. *Bothwell Lodge, Bothwell, Ont.*
James Saywright, Joseph Swalwell, A. M. Fleming.
- No. 190. *Belmont Lodge, Belmont, Ont.*
J. B. Campbell.
- No. 194. *Petrolia Lodge, Petrolia, Ont.*
H. H. Hunt.
- No. 210. *Hawkesbury Lodge, Hawkesbury, Ont.*
R. S. Park.
- No. 242. *Macoy Lodge, Escott Front, Ont.*
William Cornwall.



AT REST.

NAMES.	NO.	LODGE.	DATE.
Geo. H. Oliver.....	3	St John's.....	March 18.....1872
J. X. Bissett.....	4	Dorchester.....	March 27....."
S. T. Lamb.....	5	Sussex.....	March 18.....1873
F. G. Dickinson.....			March 28....."
James Fitten.....	7	Union.....	Apr 1 17....."
John McCurrach.....			November 21.....1872
Reuben Thoroughgood..	10	Norfolk.....	September 23....."
E. R. Manning.....	15	St. George's.....	November 10....."
J. W. O. Clarke.....			November 3....."
Donald Robertson.....			March 14.....1873
James Berry.....	16	St. Andrew's.....	February 6....."
J. W. Gordon.....			December 11.....1872
J. Whitelaw.....	17	St. John's.....	April 20.....1873
A. A. Burnham.....			May 10....."
David Barker.....	18	Prince Edward's..	March 31.....1872
Charles Price.....	22	King Solomon's...	April 2.....1873
R. Macfarlane.....	25	Ionic.....	June 1.....1872
R. McGillivray.....			Aug 19....."
E. B. Adams.....	28	Mount Zion.....	January 8....."
T. W. Clegg.....	30	Composite.....	August 3....."
T. Carlisle.....	32	Amity.....	.....
Rev. Alex. McKidd.....	33	Goderich.....	May 23.....1873
E. W. Sayers.....	35	St. John's.....	August 19.....1873
N. Thornton.....	37	King Hiram.....	.....
J. J. Dench.....	38	Trent.....	December 28.....1871
John Smith.....			August 15.....1872
Henry Warren.....	39	Mount Zion.....	July 11....."
J. Balbirnie.....	40	St. John's.....	November 30....."
P. Patterson.....			February 20.....1873
T. R. Westcott.....	42	St. George's.....	June 28.....1872
Noah Watson.....			July 1....."
David M. Bonham.....	45	Brant.....	October....."
Wm. Sutherland.....	46	Wellington.....	April 19.....1873
E. B. Gallup.....	52	Dalhousie.....	June 21.....1872
F. A. Macnab.....			.....
Henry Burrett.....	55	Mirickville.....	November 4....."
Philip Wickwire.....			December 27....."
Charles Holden.....	56	Victoria.....	March 25.....1873
James Parkinson.....			February 11.....1873
Wm. Leatherland.....	58	Doric.....	September 6.....1872
David Kean.....	62	St. Andrew's.....	February 21.....1873
John McIntyre.....	63	St. John's.....	August 12.....1872
Thomas McKindsay.....	68	St. John's.....	.....
John Shaw.....	69	Stirling.....	October 21.....1872
John Hopton.....	72	Alma.....	May 11.....1873
James Workman.....	73	St. James'.....	.....
Stephen Covell.....	74	St. James'.....	September 12.....1872
Alfio DeGrassi.....	75	St. John's.....	May 11.....1873
Neil McDougall.....	77	Faithful Brethren.	July 9.....1872
Murdock McLeod.....	79	Simcoe.....	April 24.....1873
Rev. John Gurnie.....	80	Albion.....	November 3.....1872
Daniel Kinney.....	82	St. John's.....	January 1....."
George Lazenby.....	83	Beaver.....	March 22....."
John Slack.....	85	Rising Sun.....	April 4.....1873
John Noble Agnew.....	86	Wilson.....	August 15.....1872
Robert Reid.....	90	Manito.....	July 26....."
Peter Dempsey.....			November 19....."
Charles Newson.....	91	Colborne.....	November 13....."
Donald Macdonald.....	92	Cataraqui.....	July 15....."
Robert Hepburn.....	94	St. Mark's.....	May 12.....1873
Thomas McConkey.....	96	Corinthian.....	March....."
James Lawrie.....	102	Maple Leaf.....	September 8.....1872
Francis Kroft.....	105	St. Mark's.....	June 26.....1873
Charles Perley.....	106	Burford.....	September 4.....1872
Edwin T. Bowe.....			August 6.....1872
James B. Rounds.....	108	Blenheim.....	December 20....."

AT REST.

NAMES.	NO.	LODGE.	DATE.
John K. Clare.....	110	Central	January 30.....1873
A. R. Yule.....			April 3.....1872
W. S. Walter			June 5.....1873
John Marwick.....	112	Maitland.....	August 16.....1872
B. Hazlehurst.....			March 17.....1873
Alfred Taylor.....			October 1.....1872
John Birdsell.....	113	Wilson	March 28.....1873
Wm. Parney.....			May 26....."
John McCurrich.....			November 20.....1872
Jesse Tripp.....	115	Ivy.....	February 10.....1873
W. J. Boughner.....	116	Ca-sia	December 29.....1872
Charles Austin.....	120	Warren.....	September 17....."
Walter Plummer.....	121	Doric.....	January 8.....1873
James McAdam.....	122	Renfrew.....	January 31....."
Daniel McKenzie.....	123	The Belleville.....	June 3....."
John B. McLennan.....	125	Cornwall.....	February 4....."
Robert Clough.....	126	Golden Rule.....	June 25....."
Leonard Morden.....	136	Richardson.....	.....
J. Stopellben.....	148	Civil Service	January 15.....1872
S. S. Finden.....			June....."
E. J. C. Abbott.....			May 20....."
G. H. Herrick.....			August 30....."
C. P. Bliss.....			November 21....."
B. Powell.....	149	Erie.....	July 19....."
Thos. Jacques.....			October 25....."
David Brownlee.....			October 5....."
Wm. H. Paton.....	150	Hastings.....	May 14.....1873
Wm. Bassett.....	155	Peterborough.....	May 19.....1873
Fred. Keist.....	157	Simpson.....	March 15....."
Dorset P. Beattie.....	158	Alexandria.....	August 16.....1872
Andrew Henderson.....	163	Browne.....	.....
J. H. Carpenter.....	165	Burlington.....	.....
Moses Belts.....	166	Wentworth.....	.....
Harvey Doan.....	168	Merritt.....	April 23.....1873
Henry Gough.....	176	Spartan.....	March 24....."
J. B. Rounds.....	177	The Builders.....	May 16....."
John Drummond.....	178	Plattsville.....	December 20.....1872
John L. Lick.....	179	Bothwell.....	March 7.....1873
Wm. Halstead.....	181	Oriental.....	.....
Joseph Cornick.....	185	Enniskillen.....	October 2.....1872
Andrew Moffatt.....	192	Orillia	July 10....."
C. E. Ostrander.....			January 23.....1873
Thompson Wilson.....			November 8.....1872
Wm. Shaw, jr.....	195	The Tuscan.....	October 20....."
John Reid McVicar.....	196	Madawaska.....	October 12....."
Michael Moddler.....	197	Saugeen.....	.....
Richard C. Newman.....	201	Leeds.....	November.....1872
John M. Brown.....	203	Irvine.....	March 9.....1873
Edward T. Roberts.....	210	Hawkesbury.....	December 8.....1872
John Ritchie.....			April 9.....1873
John A. McFarland.....			May 19....."
J. T. Eagan.....	221	Mountain.....	February 23....."
Edward Utting.....	226	Mount Moriah.....	March 18....."
Richard W. Pitt.....	228	Prince Arthur.....	August 8.....1872
John Little.....	230	Kerr.....	April 11....."
George W. Webster.....	231	Lodge of Fidelity.....	February 21.....1873
A. McL. Taws.....	240	Prince Rupert's.....	February 7....."
J. W. Colwell.....	242	McCoy.....	March 22....."
Samuel C. Field.....			April 30....."
Edward B. Gibson.....			January 23....."
Jessie Bigelow.....	245	Tecumseh.....	February 4....."
Jesse Tripp.....	248	Eureka.....	July 20.....1872
Thomas Buttery.....	256	Farran's Point.....	February 10.....1873
F. Chapman.....	263	Forest.....	.....
M. T. Quirk.....	265	Patterson.....	December 20.....1872
James Kelly.....	266	Northern Light.....	May 5.....1873
John Hortop.....	267	Parthenon.....	March 13....."
G. A. Stevenson.....	277	Seymour.....	May 11....."
	279	New Hope.....	June 23....."
	280	Mount Sinai.....



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AGED 81 YEARS.

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SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 24TH JUNE, 1873.

Lodges marked thus (+) have made no returns during the year.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
— Antiquity.....	Montreal, Q.....	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	56
1 Prevost.....	Dunham, Q.....	7	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	37
2 Niagara.....	Niagara.....	3	3	3	..	1	..	..	..	..	2	49
3 St. John's.....	Kingston.....	1	1	3	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	147
4 Dorchester.....	St. Johns, Q.....	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	31
5 Sussex.....	Brockville.....	8	7	1	2	3	3	9	..	..	..	83
6 Barton.....	Hamilton.....	14	15	14	13	3	3	..	..	..	..	147
7 Union.....	Grimsby.....	13	11	13	..	3	1	..	..	..	1	57
8 Nelson.....	Phillipsburg.....	..	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	14
9 Union.....	Napanee.....	4	3	1	6	..	..	7	..	..	..	87
10 Norfolk.....	Simcoe.....	8	9	9	1	2	1	..	..	..	..	83
11 Moira.....	Belleville.....	8	5	5	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	60
12 +Golden Rule.....	Stanstead, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
14 True Britons.....	Perth.....	8	9	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	..	56
15 St. George's.....	St. Catharines.....	4	4	4	..	1	3	..	..	..	..	118
16 St. Andrew's.....	Toronto.....	18	11	1	..	2	2	5	..	..	..	127
17 St. John's.....	Cebourg.....	12	13	13	2	1	2	1	..	..	1	64
18 Prince Edward's.....	Pictou.....	7	5	2	1	2	1	3	..	..	..	85
19 St. George's.....	Montreal, Q.....	4	4	7	..	4	..	5	..	..	..	43
20 St. John's.....	London.....	2	4	6	1	5	..	3	..	..	..	88
21 Zetland.....	Montreal, Q.....	7	6	4	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	48
22 King Solomon's.....	Toronto.....	2	2	3	1	6	1	..	..	..	1	124
23 Richmond.....	Richmond Hill.....	1	2	1	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	53
24 St. Francis.....	Smith's Falls.....	6	8	14	1	3	..	..	..	..	..	36
25 Ionic.....	Toronto.....	13	8	6	4	9	2	3	..	..	..	92
26 Ontario.....	Port Hope.....	2	1	3	2	4	..	..	..	..	1	47
27 Strict Observance.....	Hamilton.....	16	17	14	9	2	1	1	..	..	..	141
28 Mount Zion.....	Kemptville.....	9	7	5	1	1	1	..	..	..	..	45
29 United.....	Brighton.....	3	2	2	..	6	..	2	..	..	..	31
30 Composite.....	Whitby.....	3	3	4	..	4	1	..	..	..	3	57
31 Jerusalem.....	Bowmanville.....	7	9	10	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	51
32 Amity.....	Dunnville.....	8	1	1	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	103
33 Goderich.....	Goderich.....	12	12	12	2	1	1	1	..	..	..	45
34 Thistle.....	Amherstburg.....	6	6	6	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	46
35 St. John's.....	Cayuga.....	5	5	4	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	41
36 Welland.....	Fonthill.....	..	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	48
37 King Hiram.....	Ingersoll.....	8	4	5	..	6	1	5	..	..	..	67
38 Trent.....	Trenton.....	5	5	5	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	50
39 Mount Zion.....	Brooklin.....	2	..	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	1	31
40 St. John's.....	Hamilton.....	25	19	19	6	2	2	..	..	..	..	122
41 St. George's.....	Kingsville.....	7	5	3	..	5	..	1	..	..	..	62
42 St. George's.....	London.....	15	10	13	5	1	2	..	1	..	..	94
43 King Solomon's.....	Woodstock.....	6	9	9	..	9	..	4	..	..	..	62
44 St. Thomas.....	St. Thomas.....	10	11	12	2	..	..	1	..	..	1	76
45 Brant.....	Brantford.....	4	4	5	5	1	1	..	..	..	..	100
46 Wellington.....	Chatham.....	7	7	6	2	11	1	3	..	..	2	77
47 +Great Western.....	Windsor.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	97
48 Madoc.....	Madoc.....	10	8	6	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	51
49 +Harrington.....	Quebec, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
50 Consec.....	Consec.....	6	3	3	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	27
51 Corinthian.....	Grahamville.....	2	3	2	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	21
52 Dalhousie.....	Ottawa.....	12	11	9	..	9	2	..	..	..	..	96
53 Shefford.....	Waterloo, Q.....	9	8	8	2	5	..	..	..	..	..	68
54 Vaughan.....	Maple.....	6	6	8	..	6	..	..	..	..	..	62
55 Mirickville.....	Mirickville.....	14	10	7	1	6	3	..	..	..	..	37
56 Victoria.....	Sarnia.....	5	3	2	3	3	1	..	..	..	..	91
57 Harmony.....	Binbrook.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
58 Doric.....	Ottawa.....	4	2	1	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	78
59 Corinthian.....	Ottawa.....	3	4	7	..	2	..	1	..	..	..	53

Synopsis of the Returns of Lodges for the year ending 24th June, 1873.—Continued.

LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
60 Hloyle.....	La Colle, Q.....	18	22	22	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	120
61 Acacia.....	Hamilton.....	5	2	3	..	4	1	6	1	..	1	47
62 St. Andrew's.....	Caledonia.....	12	11	13	4	2	1	..	..	..	..	38
63 St. John's.....	Carleton Place.....	9	7	6	5	5	..	..	1	..	..	117
64 Kilwinning.....	London.....	7	6	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	..	81
65 Rehoboam.....	Toronto.....	7	7	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	43
66 Durham.....	Newcastle.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
67 †St. Francis.....	Richmond, Q.....	..	..	2	..	3	1	2	..	..	..	81
68 St. John's.....	Ingersoll.....	6	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	55
69 Stirling.....	Stirling.....	8	8	6	..	6	1	..	..	..	..	..
71 †Victoria.....	Sherbrooke, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
72 Alma.....	Galt.....	12	8	11	2	10	1	..	..	..	..	78
73 St. James.....	St. Mary's.....	7	2	2	3	6	1	4	..	..	..	63
74 St. James.....	Maitland.....	2	1	1	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	57
75 St. John's.....	Toronto.....	13	11	14	3	9	1	5	..	..	..	142
76 Oxford.....	Woodstock.....	7	7	7	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	60
77 Faithful Brethren.....	Lindsay.....	1	..	1	1	1	1	2	..	..	..	30
78 King Hiram.....	Tilsonburg.....	10	11	10	4	2	..	..	..	..	1	56
79 Simcoe.....	Bradford.....	9	6	5	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	34
80 Albion.....	Newbury.....	4	5	4	2	2	1	..	..	..	..	45
81 St. John's.....	Mount Brydges.....	5	4	5	1	11	..	..	..	..	..	62
82 St. John's.....	Paris.....	7	11	10	1	11	1	..	1	..	1	64
83 Beaver.....	Strathroy.....	8	11	12	2	1	1	2	..	..	..	76
84 Clinton.....	Clinton.....	5	6	6	1	8	..	..	..	..	2	40
85 Rising Sun.....	Farmersville.....	5	2	2	1	4	1	3	..	..	..	31
86 Wilson.....	Toronto.....	4	1	2	2	2	1	2	..	..	..	128
87 Markham Union.....	Markham.....	1	2	3	2	3	..	5	..	..	..	48
88 St. George's.....	Owen Sound.....	3	3	4	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	57
90 Manito.....	Collingwood.....	9	7	6	2	1	2	3	..	..	..	86
91 Colborne.....	Colborne.....	13	8	12	1	3	1	2	..	..	..	66
92 Cataraqui.....	Kingston.....	4	5	5	..	5	1	..	..	..	..	117
93 Northern Light.....	Kincardine.....	6	3	1	4	1	..	2	..	..	..	57
94 St. Mark's.....	Port Stanley.....	1	1	2	..	1	1	4	..	..	3	42
95 Ridout.....	Otterville.....	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	27
96 Corinthian.....	Barrie.....	15	12	7	1	5	1	..	..	..	..	56
97 Sharon.....	Sharon.....	5	4	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	45
98 True Bue.....	Albion.....	6	8	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	..	32
99 Tuscan.....	Newmarket.....	8	7	7	3	6	..	3	..	..	..	86
100 Valley.....	Dundas.....	1	2	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60
101 Corinthian.....	Peterborough.....	13	13	8	1	5	..	..	..	..	..	49
103 Maple Leaf.....	St. Catharines.....	12	8	9	2	13	1	8	..	..	..	103
104 St. John's.....	Norwichville.....	1	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	27
105 St. Mark's.....	Drummondville.....	5	5	6	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	74
106 Burford.....	Burford.....	5	6	12	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	49
107 St. Paul's.....	Lambeth.....	5	5	2	1	2	..	..	..	..	1	59
108 Blenheim.....	Drumbo.....	1	1	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	26
109 Albion.....	Harrowsmith.....	8	7	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	42
110 Central.....	Prescott.....	3	1	1	2	3	3	6	..	..	..	82
111 Morpeth.....	Ridgetown.....	10	11	15	4	2	..	..	..	..	..	52
112 Maitland.....	Goderich.....	3	2	1	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	91
113 Wilson.....	Waterford.....	5	6	6	..	2	3	..	..	..	1	36
114 Hope.....	Port Hope.....	1	1	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	55
115 Ivy.....	Beamsville.....	6	5	5	..	..	1	1	..	..	1	39
116 Casia.....	Widder.....	9	7	5	1	4	1	3	..	..	..	43
117 †Stanbridge.....	Stanbridge, Q.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
118 Union.....	Schomberg.....	..	2	2	..	4	..	..	..	..	..	22
119 Maple Leaf.....	Bath.....	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	39
120 Warren.....	Fingal.....	5	6	5	..	..	1	2	..	..	..	49
121 Doric.....	Brantford.....	4	2	3	4	3	2	..	..	..	1	65
122 Renfrew.....	Renfrew.....	14	10	7	2	3	1	..	..	..	1	31
123 The Belleville.....	Belleville.....	10	8	8	2	5	1	..	..	..	..	83
124 †Mont'l Kilwinning.....	Montreal, Q.....
125 Cornwall.....	Cornwall.....	1	52
126 Golden Rule.....	Campbellsford.....	2	2	2	1	2	36

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127 Franck.....	Frankford.....	2	2									62
128 Pembroke.....	Pembroke.....	18	20	16				2				66
129 The Rising Sun....	Aurora.....	8	7	9	3	2					1	44
130 Yamaska.....	Granby.....							5				19
131 St. Lawrence.....	Southampton.....	6	4	5	3	1					3	27
133 Lebanon Forest....	Exeter.....	11	11	7	1	2		3				61
134 †Shawenegam.....	Three Rivers, Q....											
135 St. Clair.....	Milton.....	9	6	6	1	2		1				55
136 Richardson.....	Stouffville.....				1	2	1					18
137 Pythagoras.....	Meaford.....	4	4	5	3	1		5				37
138 †Aylmer.....	Aylmer, Q.....							3				21
139 Lebanon.....	Oshawa.....	16	18	17	1	2			1			57
140 Malahide.....	Aylmer, O.....	7	6	6		1						62
141 Tudor.....	Mitchell.....					3		6				25
142 †Excelsior.....	Morrisburg.....											70
143 Friendly Brothers..	Iroquois.....	5	4	4	1	3						49
144 Tecumseh.....	Stratford.....	11	15	18	5	2			2			82
145 J. B. Hall.....	Millbrook.....	1	2	1				4				36
146 Prince of Wales....	Newburgh.....	4	3	3		1						59
147 Mississippi.....	Almonte.....	9	8	6		2						28
148 Civil Service.....	Ottawa.....	5	7	11	2	3	5				1	50
149 Erie.....	Port Dover.....	7	9	9	4	1	2					51
150 Hastings.....	Hastings.....	6	6	5	1	4	1					32
151 The Grand River....	Berlin.....	13	13	11	1	2			1			69
152 †Clarenceville....	Clarenceville, Q....											
153 Burns.....	Wyoming.....	6	5	5		2		3			1	43
154 Irving.....	Lucan.....	2	2									37
155 Peterborough.....	Peterborough.....	5	7	7	2	6	1					45
156 York.....	Davisville.....	4	4	3								41
157 Simpson.....	Newboro.....	5	4	4		2	1					46
158 Alexandra.....	Oil Springs.....	9	7	7		4	1				3	43
159 Goodwood.....	Richmond, O.....	2	2	1		1						17
160 †Quebec Garrison..	Quebec, Q.....											
161 Percy.....	Warkworth.....	10	8	9								41
162 Forest.....	Wroxeter.....	5	4	8	1				1			32
163 Browne.....	Brigham, Q.....	1	2	2		6	1	2				20
164 Star in the East....	Wellington.....	3	3	3	1	1						45
165 Burlington.....	Wellington Square..	8	3	2		7	1					43
166 Wentworth.....	Stoney Creek.....	5	5	5			1	1				20
167 †Royal Albert.....	Montreal, Q.....											
168 Merritt.....	Weiland.....	3	5	3		2	1					45
169 Macnab.....	Port Colborne.....	11	8	6	2							63
170 Britannia.....	Seaforth.....	6	6	6	1	6			1			46
171 Prince of Wales....	Iona.....	11	13	13		27					1	52
172 Ayr.....	Ayr.....	1		1								36
173 Victoria.....	Montreal, Q.....	5	6	8	3	5						38
174 Walsingham.....	Port Rowan.....	9	9	8	1	2						68
175 †St. John's.....	Mansonville, Q....											51
176 Spartan.....	Sparta.....	5	4	5		2	1					35
177 The Builders'.....	Ottawa.....	12	12	12	4	7	1	2				72
178 Plattsville.....	Plattsville.....	10	9	9		1	1					33
179 Bothwell.....	Bothwell.....	9	6	4	2	4	2				3	51
180 Speed.....	Guelph.....	12	10	10	6	5						95
181 Oriental.....	Port Burwell.....	4	2	2			2					58
182 †Tuscan.....	Levis, Q.....											
183 Prince Albert.....	Prince Albert.....	12	9	6		1						57
184 Old Light.....	Lacknow.....	2	2	2	3							42
185 Enniskillen.....	York.....	7	6	6		2	1					41
186 Plantagenet.....	Plantagenet.....	3	2									26
187 Royal Canadian....	Sweetsburg, Q....	8	8	9	1	2		1				49
188 †Ascot.....	Lennoxville, Q....											
189 Filius Viduæ.....	Adolphustown.....	4	5	7		1						27
190 Belmont.....	Belmont.....	5	4	3		9					1	42
191 †Ashlar.....	Coaticook, Q....											
192 Orillia.....	Orillia.....	12	11	12	11	3	2					57

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193 Scotland	Scotland	8	8	4	..	4	39
194 Petrolia	Petrolia	7	8	7	..	6	..	1	1	51
195 The Tuscan	London	1	2	5	1	..	1	1	44
196 Madawaska	Arnprior	10	10	6	3	5	1	..	..	..	..	43
197 Saugeen	Walkerton	6	5	4	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	63
198 White Oak	Oakville	6	7	8	4	5	..	..	..	..	..	64
199 †Frelighsburg	Frelighsburg, Q. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
200 St. Albans	Mount Forest	11	11	9	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	57
201 Leeds	Gananoque	8	13	6	3	6	1	..	..	..	..	73
202 Mount Royal	Montreal, Q.	3	2	2	2	6	..	..	..	..	..	46
203 Irvine	Elora	9	8	12	1	5	2	2	..	..	..	83
204 †Doric	Danville, Q. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
205 New Dominion	New Hamburg	4	4	4	1	..	..	1	..	..	..	44
206 †North Gower	North Gower .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
207 Lancaster	Lancaster	1	2	8	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	40
208 †Chateauguay	Huntingdon, Q. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
209 A St. John's	London	8	11	9	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	97
209 Evergreen	Lanark	10	10	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	32
210 Hawkesbury	Hawkesbury	9	13	11	..	1	3	..	1	..	1	29
211 Brome Lake	Knowlton, Q.	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	21
212 Eysian	Garden Island	7	7	9	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	45
213 Dominiou	Ridgeway	8	18	14	..	1	..	..	1	..	..	50
214 Craig	Ailsa Craig	7	7	7	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	31
215 Lake	Ameliasburg	4	4	3	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	22
216 Harris	Orangeville	6	6	6	3	3	..	..	..	..	..	60
217 Frederick	Delhi	1	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	34
218 Stevenson	Toronto	35	34	28	5	3	..	2	..	..	..	169
219 Credit	Georgetown	8	6	4	..	3	..	..	1	..	..	61
220 Zerodatha	Uxbridge	13	10	8	2	4	..	..	..	..	..	48
221 Mountain	Thorold	6	5	4	..	3	1	..	..	..	..	53
222 Marmora	Marmora	1	1	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
223 Norwood	Norwood	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	24
224 Zurich	Zurich	4	4	4	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
225 †Bernard	Listowel .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	16
226 Mount Moriah	Montreal, Q.	4	4	3	2	2	1	..	1	..	..	45
227 Sutton	Sutton Flatts, Q.	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	25
228 Prince Arthur	Odessa	3	3	3	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	34
229 Ionic	Brampton	11	8	8	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	42
230 Kerr	Bell Ewart	10	8	6	1	6	1	..	..	..	..	24
231 Lodge of Fidelity	Ottawa	3	4	5	5	2	1	..	..	..	..	24
232 Cameron	Wallacetown	6	5	2	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	38
233 Doric	Park Hill	9	11	12	4	1	..	..	..	..	..	46
234 Beaver	Clarksburg	9	6	5	1	2	..	1	..	..	..	23
235 Aldworth	Paisley	8	6	6	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	27
236 Manitoba	Bondhead	4	2	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	50
237 Vienna	Vienna	4	5	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	38
238 †Havelock	Watford .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	23
239 Tweed	Tweed	4	2	1	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	26
240 Prince Rupert's	Winnipeg, M.	12	14	9	10	7	1	..	..	..	..	78
241 Quinte	Shannonville	20	20	16	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	44
242 Macoy	Escott Front	10	10	11	..	1	2	..	..	..	1	40
243 St. George	St. George	4	4	3	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
244 Lisgar	Mapleton, M. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
245 Tecumseh	Thamesville	4	4	4	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	34
246 U. of St. Observance	Montreal, Q.	3	..	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	32
247 Ashlar	Yorkville	11	6	6	1	2	..	5	..	..	..	41
248 Enreka	Pakenham	10	7	6	..	2	1	..	..	..	..	32
249 Caledonian	Angus	6	7	7	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	37
250 Thistle	Embro	8	7	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	26
252 †The International	North Pembina, M. ....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	9
253 Minden	Kingston	13	4	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	..	51
254 Clifton	Clifton	8	8	6	2	1	45
255 Sydenham	Dresden	8	6	7	2	31
256 Farran's Point	Farran's Point	16	2	2	1	..	1	36

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LODGE.	WHERE HELD.	Initiations.	Passings.	Raisings.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Died.	Susp. N.P.D.	Susp. U.M.C.	Expelled.	Restored.	Members.
257 Galt	Galt	3	3	7	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	45
258 Guelph	Guelph	15	15	17	2	2	...	1	...	...	...	54
259 Springfield	Springfield	13	14	16	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	40
260 Washington	Petrolia	2	3	5	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
261 Oak Branch	Innerkyp	11	10	8	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
262 Harriston	Harriston	17	13	9	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
263 Forest	Forest	5	6	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	20
264 Chaudiere	Ottawa	16	24	18	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
265 Patterson	Concord	7	6	6	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	25
266 Northern Light	Stayner	4	7	10	2	...	1	...	...	...	...	30
267 Parthenon	Chatham	30	32	31	...	2	1	...	1	...	...	79
268 Verulam	Bobcaygeon	28	25	15	3	1	...	...	1	...	...	40
269 †Bro'ham Union	Brougham .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
270 Cedar	Oshawa	10	8	13	10	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
271 Wellington	Erin	6	6	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
272 Seymour	Ancaster	6	12	11	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
273 †Olive Branch	West Shefford, Q. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
274 Kent	Blenheim	17	13	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
275 Pontiac	Onslow, Q.	11	8	5	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	20
276 Teeswater	Teeswater	8	9	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
277 Seymour	Port Dalhousie	13	14	14	3	...	1	...	...	...	...	33
278 Mystic	Roslin	6	4	4	...	4	...	...	...	...	...	19
279 New Hope	Hespeler	10	8	7	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	20
280 Mount Sinai	Napanee	12	8	4	6	1	1	...	...	...	...	41
281 Thorne	Holland Landing	5	5	4	3	2	...	...	...	...	...	15
282 Lorne	Glencoe	10	5	2	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
283 Eureka	Belleville	6	6	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
284 St. John's	Brussels	11	7	5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
285 Seven Star	Alliston	4	2	2	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
286 Wingham	Wingham	10	8	8	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
287 †Shuniah	Pr. Arthur's Land'g .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
288 An't Landmark	Winnipeg, M.	14	10	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
289 Doric	Lobo	5	4	2	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	20
290 Leamington	Leamington	9	6	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
291 Dufferin	West Fiamboro	8	7	6	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
292 Robertson	Nobleton .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
293 The R. Sol. Moth.	Jerusalem, Pal'stine .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
294 Moore	Mooretown	11	5	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
295 Conestogo	Drayton	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
296 Temple	St. Catharines	6	...	...	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
297 Preston	Preston .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
298 Eddy	Hull, Q. ....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
299 Victoria	Centerville	9
300 Mount Olivet	Thorndale	10
301 Hanover	Hanover	14
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" Blyth	Blyth	8
		1883	1704	1562	381	627	135	182	18	1	45	13750

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Raisings “	1,562
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EXPULSION BY GRAND LODGE,

FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT :

JOHN C. FRANCK,

Lodge of Antiquity, Montreal, P. Q.

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